

US bombers 'kill 100' in Libya raids

The most ruthless factions in the Middle East threatened reprisals against Britons and Americans after Washington's raids on Tripoli

Mrs Thatcher insisted the US action was right and said it would have been inconceivable to deny America the use of its British-based F111 jets

'Britons have become targets of terror'

Britons as well as Americans are now targets through the Middle East and Europe following the 'Anglo-American aggression' - as the Libyans dubbed it - in which US jets from the British bases killed an estimated 100 people, many of them civilians

From Robert Fisk, Tripoli

Americans themselves said was unaccounted for.

But when Western journalists which were taken to the coastal village of Tajoura, 14 miles from Tripoli, where the F111 was supposed to have crashed, gunmen of Gaddafi's revolutionary guard prevented them from leaving the coach.

One official said that aircraft personnel - he did not specify whether they were Libyan or Soviet - had already taken parts of the jet away, adding that the crew had been killed.

Libyans later claimed to have shot down as many as 20 American planes - a preposterous figure.

Tripoli's civilian airport, which adjoins the military air base bombed by the Americans, was closed all day yesterday while the capital, its streets, patrolled by militia men holding Soviet automatic weapons, was almost empty of people and cars.

In the most devastated residential streets in Tripoli, Libyan civilians abused Mrs Thatcher and the British government for allowing American aircraft to fly from British bases. Libyan anger is unlikely to be visited upon British residents in Libya, but elsewhere in the Middle East, there can be no doubt at all that UK citizens - and indeed, British airlines - are now at great risk.

If President Reagan regards his air strike as part of a war against Colonel Gaddafi, Arab extremists now seem certain to open a new war of their own against both Britain and America, the far-reaching results of which are still unclear.

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including a baby, during a tour of bombed civilian areas in Tripoli during the morning.

Colonel Gaddafi was believed to have been out of his barracks when the American jets struck, smashing windows of his own private residence, and his aides insisted yesterday that he was unharmed.

The official Libyan news agency said that after the raids, Colonel Gaddafi held urgent talks with the Soviet Ambassador in Tripoli and handed to him an 'important' message for the Soviet leader, Mr Gorbachev.

Libyan Government officials, however, refused to allow foreign correspondents to visit military bases which had been attacked. They said that Libyan air defences had shot down an American F111 aircraft - one of the jets flown from Britain - and which the



Residents of Tripoli inspecting their devastated homes in the sombre aftermath of the American bombing attacks (Photograph, Suresh Karadia).

Myth of 'surgical bombing'

From Robert Fisk, Tripoli

The two-storey homes on both sides of Saïd bin Zaïk Street had been torn apart, their contents of beds, sofas and cheaply framed family photographs hurled into the gardens and draped down sagging bedroom walls.

There was real, scarcely-controlled fury in the streets of the Bin Ashoum suburb of Tripoli yesterday morning, not the remote-controlled anger of Colonel Gaddafi's militia men but shouted, cursed insults from ordinary civilians. They had already been told on the radio that Mrs Thatcher had allowed President Reagan to send some of his bombers from Britain. They knew that Mr Reagan was claiming to have hit only "terrorist targets" with pinpoint accuracy. They also realized, of course, that he was wrong.

"The Americans should get this crazy man out of the White House," one young man screamed, his hair sticking to the sweat on his forehead. "The British should get rid of that crazy woman."

The dust had long settled across the dozens of smashed civilian flats, the broken walls

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Bomb strike was US duty Thatcher tells Commons

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister told the Commons yesterday that the Americans had not only been right to bomb Libyan targets, but that they had a duty to do so.

It would have been inconceivable, she said, for the Government to have refused permission for the United States to use its own British-based F111s to strike in self-defence against the scourge of terrorism.

But she warned the Commons that the public must be fully alert to the threat of indiscriminate terrorist reprisals.

"Military establishments and government departments have been placed at a high level of alert," she said.

"On the basis of past attacks, it is important for members of the public to be alert to the possibility of indiscriminate attacks and to report anything suspicious."

Mrs Thatcher will open a special Commons debate on the American action this afternoon, when Mr Neil Kinnock will deliver an all-out onslaught against the

Government's practical support for the American attack. She added that the Americans had been told that if the President had concluded that it was necessary, the Government would agree to the deployment of the F111s from British bases while reserving its position on further action.

The Prime Minister also reminded the House of the action that the Government had taken to sever relations with Libya after the murder of WPC Yvonne Fletcher in 1984.

Downing Street sources said last night that in spite of the escalation of terrorism, the proof of the Libyan connection, and backing for the IRA, the British Government had never contemplated direct military action.

The same sources refused to say when permission for the use of British-based F111s had been given.

But Mrs Thatcher told the House that Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, had been at Number 10 when the initial message had been received from the President.

the conduct and support of terrorist activities.

A significant number of Tory MPs asked for evidence of the Libyan connections with terrorism.

It is possible that outlines of the evidence, some of it provided from GCHQ listening posts, may be published today.

But the Prime Minister yesterday deployed her case during Question Time and in a later statement, in which she said: "The United States, after trying other means, has now sought by limited military action to induce the Libyan regime to desist from terrorism. That is in the British interest."

Although she had not spoken personally with President Reagan, he had been told that Britain would support action against specific Libyan targets "demonstrably involved in

Russians call raid criminal

Moscow (Reuter) - Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Soviet Prime Minister, yesterday condemned the US air strikes as criminal acts of banditry, saying they should end immediately.

In the highest-level detailed reaction from Moscow so far, Mr Ryzhkov said the raids were completely unjustified.

As quoted by Tass, Mr Ryzhkov told a Kremlin banquet for Mr Ingvar Carlsson, the Swedish Prime Minister visiting Moscow, that the "criminal attack by American planes against Libya" was fraught with danger.

"This act of aggression, which cannot have any justification, is a sign of disregard for the interests of small states and peoples and flouts the United Nations' charter that prohibits the use of force in international relations."

GENEVA: "It is like an act of war; many, many wars have started like that," the Soviet delegate at the United Nations disarmament conference said (Alan McGregor writes).

Mr Viktor Issraevyan told the conference: "The US have begun to speak in their own particular language, that of bombs, missiles and shells."

America rallies to Reagan

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

America rallied behind President Reagan yesterday for his attack on Libya and was clearly ready to back him in any reprisals for the Libyan raid on the Italian island of Lampedusa.

"Today we have done what we have to do," Mr Reagan told the nation on Monday night. "If necessary we shall do it again."

The White House said Mr Reagan had decided to attack in principle in the middle of last week, and had since conducted brief, secret meetings to finalise plans. It expressed no surprise at the gloomy reaction of most European allies, and acknowledged that the attempt to get European co-operation against Libya would be a "long haul".

American diplomatic and military posts around the world were on alert as the nation braced for attempted Libyan reprisals. The Pentagon said two missiles were fired at a US coastguard facility on Lampedusa, south of Sicily, but fell into the sea short of the mark. Thirty

Americans are stationed there.

A search was underway yesterday for a missing F111 bomber and its two-man crew, the only apparent American casualties of the raid, but without immediate success.

Three hours before the operation was launched, key congressional leaders were consulted and indicated solid approval. The White House indicated that it would have backed off had it encountered strong objections.

Asked if the US would have used F111 bombers from British bases with the permission of Mrs Thatcher, Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, said: "We would normally consult with her before we would do so."

President Reagan, speaking on television when the attack was over, told of "irrefutable" evidence that Colonel Gaddafi was responsible for the bombing of a West Berlin discotheque 11 days ago. Mr George Shultz, Secretary of State, said the Administration had information about 30

planned attacks against US installations.

The US bombers used weapons guided by laser beams, heat seekers and television cameras.

Mr Speakes said the targets were chosen because they struck at the heart of Libya's ability to conduct terrorism.

ROME: The news of a Libyan attack on Lampedusa brought a dramatic suspension of the Italian Senate's debate last night on the Libyan crisis while ministers left the hall to find out what was really happening on Italy's southernmost Mediterranean outpost (Peter Nichols writes).

Signor Bettino Craxi, the Prime Minister, came back to tell the House that there had been two explosions. Paratroopers and Carabinieri went to the area while three interceptor aircraft took off from the Sicilian base at Trapani to look for signs of a Libyan vessel. But they encountered thick haze which made their task impossible.

Tebbit warning to Sunday traders after Bill failure

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Government warned yesterday of a new crackdown against Sunday traders after the shock loss of its Shops Bill.

Ministers conducted an inquest into their humiliating defeat on the second reading of a central piece of Government legislation, but were still reeling over the size of the Conservative revolt.

Sixty-eight Tory MPs voted against the Government, a number far higher than either the whips or the rebel leaders had anticipated. The Government accepted its defeat and admitted that reform of the confused Sunday trading laws was off the agenda for the foreseeable future.

Casualties were kept to a minimum. One Parliamentary Private Secretary, Mr Andrew Hunter, the Conservative MP for Basingstoke, who voted against the Government, was sacked. Mr Hunter worked for Lord Elton, Minister of State for the Environment.

But four other PPSs, who resigned, had their offers to resign refused. They were Mr Alistair Burt, PPS to Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environment; Mr

Robert Key, PPS to Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Minister of State for Energy; Mr Tom Sackville, PPS to Mr Barney Hayhoe, the Minister for Health, and Mr Michael Lord, PPS to Mr John Macgregor, Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

But senior Cabinet ministers did not conceal their dismay over the demise of the Bill. Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, warned of more prosecutions against people who trade on Sundays at present.

He told a Tory conference in London that things would not stay as they were. "I fear it means that things will get rather less convenient for those of you who are working during the week and who want to commit the heinous crime of buying a pot plant on Sunday." He feared there would be increasing pressure for the law to be implemented, meaning more prosecutions against traders.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, who failed to win over the rebels with a final concession promising there would be no guillotine on the

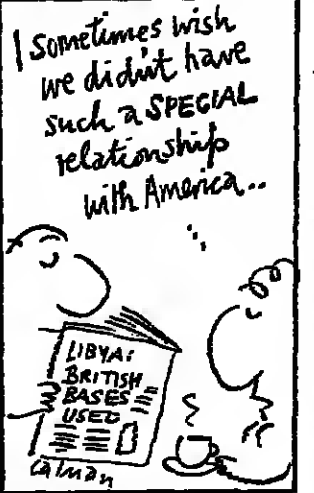
Bill, predicted yesterday that some existing traders might be driven out of business.

He said: "I think what we will probably get now is that councils, who have the responsibility to enforce the law, will find themselves pressed to do so in a fairly arbitrary way. Some will take up prosecutions and some very worthwhile people may be driven out of business. I hope not."

There was irritation over the role of the 14 Ulster Unionists who broke their Westminster boycott, and whose combined vote represented the difference for the Government between winning and losing.

The churches welcomed the Commons decision, rejecting the Bill by 296 votes to 282. In a joint statement the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, the Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume and the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council Dr Donald English said it had recognized the need to uphold the special character of Sunday.

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Portfolio Gold

The Times' unique share-price competition has been relaunched this week as Portfolio Gold, with a daily prize of £4,000 and a weekly prize of £8,000.

You will need the new Portfolio Gold card to join in the game. Newsagents have been receiving supplies throughout last week, and copies of the current Sunday Times Magazine contain a gold card.

If you have any difficulty obtaining one, details of where to apply appear on page 3 today.

Five readers shared yesterday's accumulated £10,000 prize - details page 3.

Portfolio list page 28; rules and how to play page 20.

Elections date set for May 8

The Government yesterday moved writs for by-elections in West Derbyshire and Ryedale to be held on May 8. The Conservatives have comfortable majorities in both.

Pretoria anger

Mrs Winnie Mandela has been severely criticized by the South African Government for a speech in which she spoke of blacks liberating the country "with matches and necklaces". Page 9

Genet dies

Jean Genet, the French novelist and playwright who scandalised the literary establishment with tales of homosexuality and crime, died yesterday at his home aged 75. Obituary, page 18

Legal changes

The Bar and Law Society have set up a joint committee which is to report on changes needed to improve legal services for the consumer. Page 2

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Minister retreats on rates

The Government yesterday backed down over its method of assessing local authority rate support grants.

In a test case brought by Birmingham City Council, Mr Justice Mann, sitting in the High Court in London, granted the council a declaration that Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environment, had exceeded his powers in reducing the city's block grant by £43 million.

The judge said it was admitted that the Minister's determination was illegal and must fall.

It was also agreed that each side, on giving 14 days notice, should have liberty to apply to the court for a full hearing of the case should it be considered necessary.

The Government agreed to pay the council's costs.

The victory for local authorities could be short-lived. Mr Baker said the Government would be introducing retrospective legislation which would affect the block grant payable under the Local Government Planning and Land Act, 1980.

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# Scotland Yard mounts big investigation into Mafia currency deals

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard is mounting a secret transatlantic investigation into a network of shell companies and accounts laundering millions of pounds and dollars for the Mafia, American drug gangs and London criminals.

In the past week detectives have flown to Florida, Spain and the British Virgin Islands in the Caribbean. Ten officers are sifting through 170 accounts uncovered on the Isle of Man.

Police action in London is understood to be imminent and arrests are expected in Miami today by a special American detective task force.

The operation, which began more than a year ago, is so secret that only a few senior Yard detectives are privy to the full picture.

The investigation is examining the way proceeds from crime are passed through a maze of accounts so that it is almost impossible to find the source. At least £10 million is thought to be involved and possibly hundreds of millions of dollars.

Last week two officers from the Yard's C11 criminal intelligence branch flew to Miami escorting a man on bail from a British court accused of handling stolen money. The man was given bail with the condition that he helped the police and travelled to Florida.

Three weeks ago he began talking to Yard officers. He has been working in Florida, partly under cover, with the United States' Drug Enforcement Agency to try to uncover conduits for the profits from cocaine, heroin and cannabis trafficking into the southern United States. British police have also talked to a number of other sources.

They believe an American, in prison in Britain awaiting extradition proceedings to face charges in Florida, including three alleged murders, kidnapping and smuggling, can also help them.

In the Virgin Islands officers, with the help of the local authorities, are tracking down another section of the network buried within local financial institutions. They are also talking to a financier living in the islands.

The islands are partly self-governing with a revenue of about \$14 million. In the past worries about illegal funds have concentrated on other islands such as the Bahamas. Police have been given access to at least six suspect accounts.

The British operation began when officers started trying to track down money from the £26 million Brink's-Mat robbery at Heathrow Airport in 1983. As one senior detective said: "We started by following a little mouse and then got interested in a very large mousehole."

During the investigation Commander Philip Corbett, head of C11, and Det Chief Supt Tony Lundy, a senior C11 officer formerly with the flying squad, have had discussions with American authorities. Mr Lundy is now in the British Virgin Islands after talking to Miami police.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Brian Worth, head of all central CID operations, has been briefed on American organized crime problems by the FBI and is in overall command of the operation. Yard officers say the whole investigation has been generated by British detectives.

Scotland Yard has marshalled forces from C11, the flying squad, the fraud squad and the new specialist squad set up to deal with organized crime and specifically the current investigation. The squad, called C17, Task Force, is headed by Det Chief Supt Brian Boyce.

Police believe they have found a network of companies and accounts which allow the movement of money from the United States to the Isle of Man and London and then out to the British Virgin Islands before its return to the United States. It is possible some money has been directly invested in Britain.



Members of the Royal Academy selecting works yesterday for display in this summer's exhibition, which will run from May 31 to August 24. Left to right: Edward Middleditch, John Ward, Paul Hogarth, Norman Blamey and Patrick Symons (Photograph: John Voos).

## Portfolio Gold

A Surrey pensioner, Mr Leonard Bates, and Mr Graham Macfarlane, a London bank manager, are among the first five winners of The Times' new Portfolio Gold share-price competition.

The five winners each won £2,000 in yesterday's game. Normally, there is a daily prize of £4,000 and a weekly prize of £8,000, but yesterday's prize money amounted to £10,000 - £6,000 because no one won on Saturday or Monday, plus yesterday's £4,000 prize.

Mr Bates, of Worpleston, Guildford, said: "I have been a reader of The Times for 70 years and have been playing the game since it started."

Mr Macfarlane, of Pinner in Middlesex, said he is delighted with his "new found luck".

Mrs Carol Boardman, a housewife and mother from Chorley Wood in Hertfordshire, said she is thrilled to hit the jackpot. Another winner, Mr Andrew Curtis, aged 26, a bank official from Highgate, north London, said he was particularly pleased because it is only the second time he had played Portfolio.

The fifth winner is Mr Andrew Sharp, from Huddersfield, Southend-on-Sea.

If you experience difficulty in obtaining a gold card, send an s.a.c. to: Portfolio Gold, The Times, PO Box 40, Blackburn, BB1 6AA.

Remember that there is now £4,000 to be won every day and the prize money will accumulate each day that it is not won. The new weekly prize is £8,000, and this too is doubled each week that it is not claimed.

## Farmyard divorce plea fails

Although a farmer loved his animals more than his wife it did not give her grounds in divorce, the Court of Appeal ruled yesterday.

Lack of affection did not entitle Mrs Margaret Beasley, a mother of two, to end her 25-year marriage to Mr Patrick Beasley, of Boswell Close, Bere Regis, Dorset.

Although she no longer loved her husband, had set up home with another man and changed her name, she must remain married.

It was the second blow for the farmer's wife. In February Judge Willcock, sitting in Exeter, refused her a decree nisi. Lord Justice May, sitting yesterday with Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Sir David Cairns, rejected her appeal.

Lord Justice May said he agreed with the original judge that although Mr Beasley "was not a demonstrative husband" the crux of the wife's case was that she had grown away from a husband.

Although it was accepted that the marriage had broken down irretrievably, the fact that Mr Beasley did not show his wife the affection was not behaviour which gave grounds for a divorce, the judges said.

## Stop 'traffic' of handicapped plea

The Government's policies towards care for people with mental handicap have resulted in a "human traffic" between institutions which should be stopped, according to a charity report.

The planned scaling-down of such long-stay units, and transferring residents into local communities, has resulted in very few closures, the Campaign for People with Mental Handicaps said yesterday.

The total mental handicap hospital population has decreased by about 20 per cent in the past 10 years, but this is mainly due to deaths of

## 10% levy on blank tapes

The Government has decided to impose a 10 per cent levy on blank tapes.

The tax, which will be levied on the retail price of audio cassettes with playing time greater than 35 minutes, is to raise up to £6 million a year, largely for the recording industry.

The tape levy was outlined in a White Paper on copyright, published yesterday. Most current copyright law is 30 years old and cannot cope with the problems generated by new technology.

The levy allows the public legally to tape broadcasts from radio which theoretically has been an offence since tape recorders were invented.

Tapes used by blind people will be exempt from the levy. Other measures include:

- protection for the copyright holders of programmes shown on satellite or cable television channels;
- protection to be given to computer programs;
- patent holders will be able to protect their work through the Patent Office which will become a statutory body outside the Civil Service;
- a copyright tribunal will be set up to adjudicate over disputes on copyright.



Second time lucky for Mr Andrew Curtis.

## New lung cancer treatment

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A new form of treatment for lung cancer patients using the natural compound, interferon, shows promise of extending survival and may eventually lead to a cure, scientists said yesterday.

Up to 100 patients are to receive the treatment in a clinical trial planned by Imperial Cancer Research Fund specialists. If successful, it will be extended to other victims of the disease, which causes 36,000 deaths a year.

The treatment has been developed after scientists' success in growing human lung cancer in the laboratory and studying the impact of drugs on tumours.

Interferon is a substance produced by the body to combat infections. So far it has been a standard treatment for only one rare form of leukaemia.

But it has now been found in laboratory tests to make drugs used in the treatment of lung cancer up to six times as effective.

The effect of interferon when combined with anticancer drugs will be explored to try for better results in patients.

Professor John Smyth, who will lead the clinical trial, said yesterday: "The aim is much longer remission or, hopefully, cure."

Professor Smyth, head of the ICRF medical oncology unit in Edinburgh, where the first patients will soon be treated, added: "Until we try

we can have no idea whether this treatment will work. But the laboratory results are so promising that the therapy must certainly be tried in patients."

Lung cancer was an "extremely vicious malignancy" and without treatment was fatal within a few weeks or months. Existing drug treatments have succeeded in extending survival only up to one or two years, Professor Smyth said.

The treatment was being tried in Scotland, which had the unenviable reputation of harbouring the highest rate of lung cancer among men throughout the world.

Professor Smyth said at an ICRF news conference in London.

## MP pays rent arrears

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Labour MP for Crewe and Nantwich, narrowly escaped eviction proceedings yesterday, by paying nearly £5,000 rent arrears on her Barbican home.

An attempt to repossess her two-bedroom flat was dropped, after counsel for her landlord, the City of London Corporation, disclosed that the full debt had been paid earlier in the day.

Mr Ian Duncan told the

residents, the report said. Almost 70 per cent of former residents were moved to other NHS hospitals, while only 5 per cent moved into local authority homes or hostels.

The Department of Health and Social Security should state clearly what alternatives to hospitals are acceptable, and people should be transferred from one institution to another only in emergencies, the report recommended.

Hospital closures in the Eighties (Alison Wertheimer, CMH Publications, 5 Kenings, Comberton, Cambridgeshire, CB3 7DT, £2).

Mayor and City Of London County Court: "We have just received a cheque from Mrs Dunwoody's solicitor for the total amount including arrears, interest, and costs."

Mrs Dunwoody, former shadow Secretary of State for Transport, claimed that she was the victim of a smear campaign, after it was alleged that as well as rent debts, she owed a £2,000 dining bill at the Commons and more than £1,000 rates on her second home in Crewe.

## Dealer is fined over art fakes

By Ronald Fax

A Scottish art dealer was fined £2,000 and ordered to pay £6,050 compensation at Edinburgh Sheriff Court yesterday for carrying out an elaborately planned deception on an Edinburgh art gallery.

A jury found that Peter Ross, aged 37, of Bellevue Crescent, Edinburgh, arranged to have paintings, allegedly by Scottish artists, sold to the gallery.

They were identified as fakes during an exhibition and Anthony Conduet was later sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment after admitting a fraud involving the paintings he had forged.

The jury found that Ross was guilty of obtaining from Conduet nine paintings, of persuading another man to pretend he was the owner and arranging their sale through the Henderson Gallery in Hanover Street, Edinburgh, where he was art adviser.

## Headmaster is sent to prison

Ceryl Wyn Davies yesterday began his second prison sentence for sexual assaults on little girls in his care.

Davies, aged 47, a headmaster of The Square, Blaenau Ffestiniog, was jailed for 18 months by Mid Crown Court, North Wales, after admitting three indecent assaults on schoolgirls under the age of 13.

## Prestel blunder 'helped hacker'

A top-level blunder allowed a computer journalist to penetrate British Telecom's Prestel information system, a court was told yesterday.

A secret identification code allowing access to secret files was left unprotected within the computer system, it was said.

Mr Robert Schifreen, aged 22, used it to get the confidential identity numbers and passwords of every Prestel customer, Southwark Crown Court was told.

Mr Schifreen, who subscribed to Prestel under the codename "Bug Hunter", later wrote an article on how easily he cracked the system.

But Mr Schifreen, who works for a computer magazine, denied he did so for personal gain, and he accused Prestel of "negligence".

Mr Austen Issard-Davies, for the prosecution, said a random experiment first gave him the telephone numbers of Prestel's private computers.

The telephone numbers were not published to normal subscribers, and only a few people had access. But Mr Schifreen was said to have broken into the Prestel development test computer.

It was alleged that he typed an experimental line of numbers, all in twos, when the computer asked for a 10-digit identification. It worked, and the computer then asked for a four-digit password.

He typed 1234 which turned out to be a test account and gave him access. But Mr Schifreen's attempts to get information out failed because he did not have the confidential identity code and password of the system's manager.

Nine months later he came across the code and password "lying around" in one of the private Prestel computers.

When questioned by police, Mr Schifreen allegedly admitted making unauthorized access into the system from his home computer, but claimed he had made Prestel more secure by doing so.

Mr Issard-Davies said: "It is a bit like a burglar claiming all the credit for improved home security because the householder has put locks on all the windows."

He added it was "twentieth century" forgery because Mr Schifreen allegedly used someone else's computer identification, like signing someone's signature without consent.

It was said Mr Schifreen passed on the information to Mr Stephen Gold, aged 30, an accountant, who also used the private codes to crack Prestel under the subscriber name "Squeaky".

Mr Schifreen of Edwarebury Gardens, Edgware, north London, denies five charges of forgery. Mr Gold of Watt Lane, Sheffield, denies four similar offences.

The charges have been brought under section one of the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act, 1981.

The test case trial is the first contested case to go to court. The hearing continues today.

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Why Britain backed US air attack on Libya

COMMONS

After trying other means, the United States had now sought limited military action to induce the Libyan regime to desist from terrorism...

agreed to the deployment of US aircraft from bases in the UK, she had reserved the position of the UK on any question of further action...

The United Kingdom had itself suffered from Libyan terrorism. The House recalled the murder of WPC Fletcher in St James's Square...

doubt, moreover, of the Libyan Government's direct and continuing support for the Provisional IRA...

Two years ago (she went on) we took certain measures against Libya, including the closure of the Libyan People's Bureau in London...

Our interests there have been looked after by the Italian Government. Our representative in the British Embassy in Rome will continue to advise the British Government...

The US has tried by peaceful means to deter Colonel Gaddafi and his regime from their promotion of terrorism...

ing arrangements, to the use in the operation of some US aircraft based in this country...

President Reagan informed me last week that the US intended to take military action to deter further Libyan terrorism...

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Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, OUP): Has it not become clear from these events to the people of this country how firm our protection against the use of bases on British soil for the launching of nuclear operations...

Britain cannot be supine or passive towards terrorism

PM's QUESTIONS

of Britain always refused to take risks because of the consequences then terrorist governments would win...

Under the arrangements for the use of bases by the American forces, British agreement was required and sought...

was to deal with terrorism is to act like terrorists ourselves?

Mrs Thatcher: The discussion was to secure targets and action proportionate to the threat...

Mr Charles Morrison (Devizes, Cr): Two weeks ago there was a skirmish between the US and Libya...

Bombing unjustified as act of self-defence: Kinnoek

Far from bringing the curtain down on Gaddafi's reign of terror, as President Reagan had put it, the US attack on Libya has caused bloodshed and damage to innocents...

States was Britain's staunch ally and kept over 330,000 troops in Europe to defend the freedom of Europe...

Foreign Secretary (Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition): I have been asked to comment on the Prime Minister's statement...

Of course I have seen and examined our own intelligence evidence. We are naturally careful about intelligence evidence because to publish it will compromise sources...

I have indicated, and I know the United States takes the same view, that the selection of targets demonstrably in connection with terrorist activity was within Article 51...

Mr Julian Amery (Brighton, Pavilion, C): I congratulate her on the strong support she gave to their American allies...

Mrs Thatcher: I am very much aware that if there were to be any further action it would also have to be justified under article 51...

Mr David Steel (Leader of the Liberal Party): Whatever the evidence, no doubt substantial, of Libyan past terrorism...

The most appalling thing she said this afternoon was the use of the word "inconvertible" that she would ever refuse any request...

Mr Michael Foot (Blaenau Gwent, Lab): If she is so confident the American action was justified and legitimate under article 51...

Mr John Grieve (Reading, Cr): It is not perfectly clear that new ways have had to be found to deal with that problem...

No cringing before Gaddafi without taking action

Mr David Owen (Leader of the SDP): I am very much aware of the need to take action against terrorism...

Mr Robert Litherland (Manchester Central, Lab): By giving permission for the launching of F111s for a military attack on the mainland of Libya...

Mr Leo Abse (Torfaen, Lab): It is not clear from all her statements that her basic political infatuation with Reagan is leading her to misjudgements...

Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab): I do not believe it will have that effect. There has been state-sponsored terrorism by Libya for a long time...

Mr Patrick McNair-Wilson (New Forest, Cr): Until some real progress is made in securing self-determination for the Palestinian people...

Mr Michael Foot (Blaenau Gwent, Lab): What discussion was there with the US about the acceptable level of civilian detentions and murder...

Dr David Owen, Leader of the SDP, said that as the Prime Minister went to the Security Council at the time of the Falklands he would have had information that was published about the evidence we have?

Mrs Thatcher: I agree that the actions we and other countries have taken so far have not had the effect of reducing Libyan state-sponsored terrorism...

I will see how much of the evidence we can place before the House, but I am not willing to compromise intelligence sources. But we will do what we can.

Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, OUP): Has it not become clear from these events to the people of this country how firm our protection against the use of bases on British soil for the launching of nuclear operations...

Mrs Thatcher: No, I think he is asking about something totally different indeed. I believe he knows it.

Mr Cranley Oselow (Woking, C): The world knows himself Colonel Gaddafi is set himself up as the godfather of international terrorism...

Mrs Thatcher: I am very much aware of the courage of the people who live around the bases to which he refers in various areas...

Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent South, Lab): No country in the world has better records for firm, intelligent and calculated responses to terrorism than we have...

Mr Cyril Townsend (Beaconsfield, Cr): Most of the recent terrorist incidents involving the Middle East are due to the Abu Nidal group...

Mrs Thatcher: I disagree totally. The US had asked Europe to take other action against state-sponsored terrorism...

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Thatcher: Terrorism a scourge of modern age

British military establishments and Government departments are now at a high level of alert. It is important for the public to be alerted to the possibility of indiscriminate attack...

It is a matter of great importance to us and many others that those seats should continue to give us warning of what this mad dog may do next...

Under the circumstances I believe the US was absolutely right and within its rights to exercise its right to self-defence...

UN ineffective against state terrorism

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, Cr): Does he recall that four years ago, faced with the impotence of the Security Council...

Does she further agree that the advice from Mr Kinnoek and from Dr Owen to put our trust in the Security Council was unrealistic and her decision was unwise...

Mrs Thatcher: Yes, I believe that the advice just to go to the Security Council would be totally unrealistic in taking action to stop state-sponsored terrorism...

The Security Council is not in a position to take effective action. The action which he referred four years ago was supported by the Security Council...

There is an inherent right to self-defence. There are risks involved in taking that right. If one never took any action because of the risks involved...

Mr John Browne (Winchester, Cr): In the near future terrorist overflows like Gaddafi will be in a position to dispatch atomic bombs...

In view of such a threat, there is a clear duty on our leaders to act with fortitude. It is extremely unwise merely to leave a dangerous snake to hiss...

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Foot: We acted like terrorists ourselves. Text block with a small image of a foot.

Mrs Thatcher said the F-111s were more accurate than their targets. Text block with a small image of an aircraft.

Mr Stefan Terlezki (Cardiff West, C): Am I right to assume there is a strong link between Libya and the IRA which has restricted the killing of so many innocent people in this country?

Mrs Thatcher: The Libyan Government supports the Provisional IRA. That is a factor that must be taken into account.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab): From a seated position: That means you will be bombing Dublin, then? (Laughter).

Mr George Foulkes (Carrick, Dumfries, C): When the Foreign Secretary was trying to persuade our European partners to take firm diplomatic action...

Mrs Thatcher: We acted closely throughout. (Loud and prolonged Labour protests). We acted closely throughout.

The United States had more than 330,000 troops in Europe to defend our liberty. They had been the subject of concerted terrorist attacks...

They had been the subject of concerted terrorist attacks and it would have been inconceivable to refuse them the right to use American aircraft and American pilots to exercise their inherent right of self-defence.

Mr John McWilliam (Blaydon, Lab): I asked why the bases in this country had been used when the capability for the attack existed with the battle fleet nearer the coast of Libya.

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Britain 'could be target for attacks'

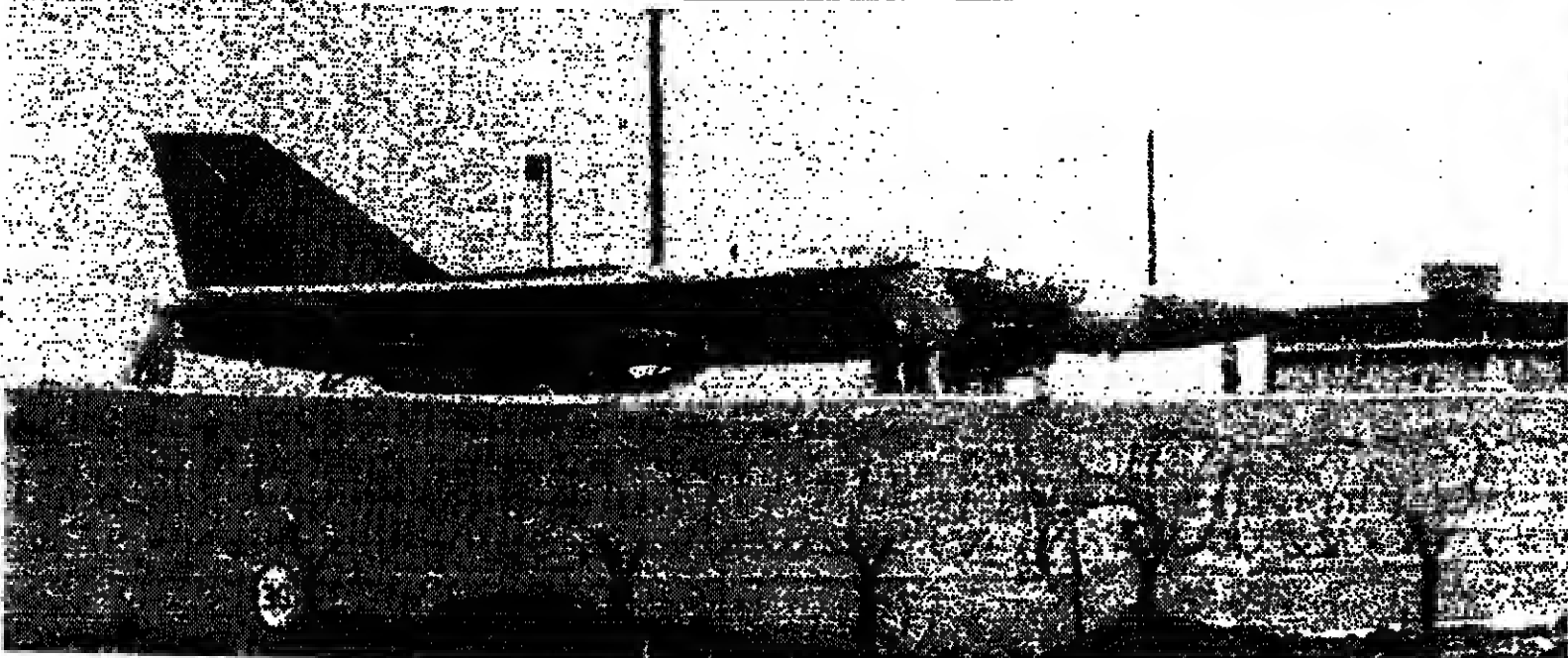
Britain could be a target for Libyan attacks as a result of allowing United States planes to bomb Libya from bases in Britain, the Libyan representative to Britain said yesterday.

Mr Salam Msalam said: "I'm not going to say whether or not Britain will be a target, but before this attack, the leader of the revolution (Colonel Gaddafi) said that any Mediterranean country whose bases are used for aggression against Libya will be a military target."

Mr Msalam came to Britain to look after Libyans after the death of WPC Yvonne Fletcher in St James's Square.



The crew of one of 16 F1-11s which landed at USAF Lakenheath, Suffolk, early yesterday after the raid.



One of 20 F1-11s which took off from Upper Heyford, Oxfordshire, yesterday (Photograph: Julia Herbert).

Police put on alert for reprisals in Britain

Police and security experts are assessing the possibility of Libyan reprisals in Britain and protection for potential targets is being tightened, from the US Embassy to sections of Heathrow Airport.

As extra armed officers were brought on patrol, one defence expert canvassed the suggestion yesterday that Libya might use the Provisional IRA as proxy bombers because the Irish terrorists could owe Libya a debt for past training.

The suggestion of an IRA involvement was made by Mr Robert Elliot, of the Institute for Strategic Studies, who noted that Colonel Gaddafi had trained, armed and financed the IRA.

Police intelligence, however, suggests that the relationship between Libya and IRA has soured. Also, an attack on US targets in Britain would rebound against the IRA in the United States, where they have received considerable finance for arms.

Yesterday, senior Special Branch officers were in conference much of the day discussing the prospects for terrorist reprisals as the specialist Middle East anti-terrorist intelligence desk within Special

'We were right', flyer says

"We did a good job, we did what we had to do. How else do you deal with a guy like Gaddafi?"

The words of an American tanker pilot who flew from Mildenhall, Suffolk, to refuel F1-11 fighters in the attack on Tripoli and Benghazi, sum up the reaction of the United States airmen in Britain (Colin Hughes writes).

The pilot said: "This mission was the greatest thrill of my life. It is what we were trained to do, and here we were

doing the real job. I can tell you that the guys who didn't fly were jealous."

When he arrived from Washington State in the north-west United States three days ago in a KC125 tanker aircraft, the pilot thought he would take part in exercises.

"No one was told that we were flying to Libya until late last night, just before we actually went."

He said each F1-11 needed seven or eight refuellings and that they had "probably

flown through the Strait of Gibraltar. Our crew never got to see Libya. We stood off the coast waiting for the fighters, and helped the last ones out to return to England."

Sitting in a Mildenhall motel bar, he added: "Even in America before I left I would say that opinion was 50/50 about whether the President's attitude was right, if we should go in there or not. But we are servicemen, we have to do our job, and it was right to do that."

Bombing worries air base villagers

Misgivings about the US decision to bomb Tripoli were being felt yesterday in the villages which surround the American air base at Upper Heyford, Oxfordshire, from which several of the US planes took off (Paul Valley writes).

Many local residents, even those who said they understood the need for action against Libya, doubted the wisdom of the bombing and expressed fears that their homes could become targets for terrorist reprisals.

"People are afraid. Any facility used by American servicemen in Britain may now be considered a target."

Mrs Barbara Gibson, postmistress of Upper Heyford, said. Landlords of several public houses used by Americans said they intend to increase security. "In the light of the Berlin disco bomb, it is a very real fear," Mr Alan Hendy, publican of the Fox and Hounds at Ardley, said.

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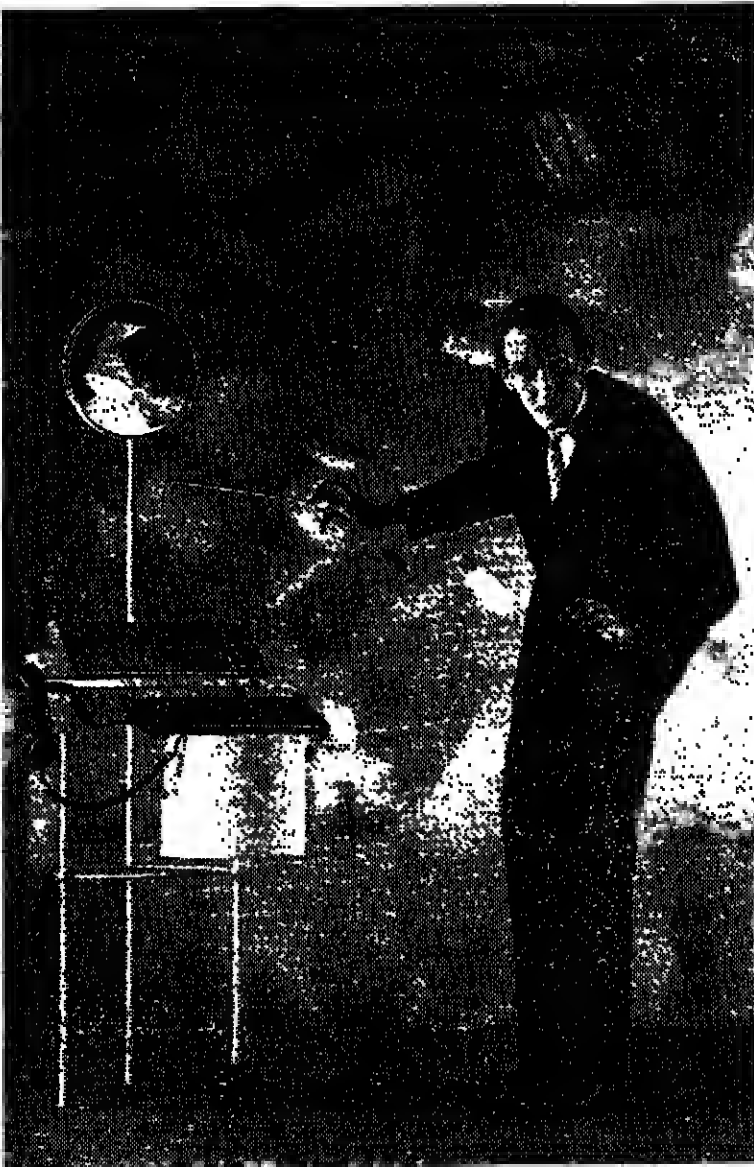
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THE LONG AND SHORT OF DATA TRANSMISSION

Hardy continued, "For short distances, say up to 10 kilometres or just around the building, a Merlin Datelnets system is ideal. But the phone lines don't stop at the front door, do they?"

The young graduate shook his head, following Hardy along the corridor. "And so we have a

PLENTY OF ROOM FOR DATA

"Tell me, Mr Hardy," asked an over-zealous young graduate as Hardy swept through the office, "what sort of phone system do we have here?" Hardy stopped dead in his tracks.

"A Merlin IT440 from British Telecom," Hardy wondered if the question was born of genuine interest or idle flattery. "And there's a lot more to the IT440 than meets the ear", he continued, "Let me explain. Traditionally, we use the phone system for speech, but the fact is that speech occupies only a fraction of a phone line's capacity. Human speech is of low frequency whereas data can be transmitted at much higher frequencies. The two can thus share the same phone line in perfect harmony."

"Without interference?" asked the graduate timidly.

Hardy smiled benevolently. "Without interference. In fact, it's

Pilots vote to ban airports

An instant ban on airports, airlines or countries involved in future acts of terrorism was agreed by the 60,000-strong International Federation of Airline Pilots Associations, in London yesterday.

Any further acts of terrorism would risk pilots refusing to fly to offending countries or to airports from which terrorist acts originated. Efforts will be made to bring other world aviation staff organizations into line, Captain Reg Smith of Canada, the IFALPA president, declared after the plenary session of delegates from 66 countries.

Total support from British pilots was given by Captain Mike Clarke, chairman of British Airline Pilots Association (BALPA).

IFALPA had set up a special panel to deal quickly with terrorist situations as they arose. Captain Smith said, but no action had yet been decided in Libya's case.

Prisoners' wives wait in fear

The wife of a British engineer jailed by Colonel Gaddafi's Revolutionary Committee Courts, spoke yesterday of her fears for her husband's safety.

Mrs Grace Maxwell, aged 38, said from her home in Glasgow: "I couldn't believe it when I heard the news about the American action. I just hope it doesn't have an adverse effect on Bob's chances of an early release."

Mr Bob Maxwell was put under house arrest in 1980 and a year and-a-half later was jailed for 12 years for espionage. The Libyans said he had leaked secrets in return for bribes. He denied all charges.

The wife of an engineer jailed in Libya was also anxiously waiting for news yesterday.

Mr Michael King, aged 34, of Auchtarmachty, Fife, is serving five years for allegedly possessing cannabis.

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LIBYA CRISIS 2 ● Europeans angry ● Reagan explains ● Bomber lands in Spain



Libyan searching through the rubble of homes destroyed during yesterday morning's American air raid on Tripoli.



French Embassy in Tripoli, damaged by the bombing

The EEC 'Slap in the face' dismays and angers European politicians

From Richard Owen Brussels

There was widespread dismay and even anger among European states yesterday over the American bombing raids on Tripoli and Benghazi, which came only hours after an emergency meeting of EEC Foreign Ministers in The Hague had called for "restraint on all sides".

account of the reasons for the American action" yesterday by Mr David Abshire, their American colleague. A Nato spokesman emphasized that this was not an emergency meeting of the Nato Council, but said that Nato was on the alert for possible terrorist reprisals. Nato diplomats said the allies had been informed of the American action, not consulted.

Europeans are angered that Mr Reagan barely waited for The Hague meeting to end

Why Nato allies could be left in the dark

From Frederick Bonhart, Brussels

The American F 111 aircraft in Britain and the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean belong to the category of "Nato assigned or earmarked forces" which would come under Nato command in a crisis or in time of war.

In peacetime they remain under national command, and are therefore available to a nation for its own purposes. Provided they remain available for Nato use within the planned time frame there would be no need for prior consultation.

However, as these American forces are integrated fully into allied contingency planning, it is understood that their withdrawal for a national operation would be notified to the allied command concerned. In this case that means SHAPE, near Mons in Belgium, from where Allied Forces Europe are commanded.

The problem was simplified by the fact that the Commander-in-Chief of the US forces in Europe (and therefore in charge of this operation) and the Supreme Allied Commander Europe is one and the same person - General Bernard Rogers.

The only exceptions to this system are certain air defence forces on permanent alert and completely integrated international units such as the Early Warning Force with its Awacs aircraft, international communications elements and, of course, the international staffs at Nato, SHAPE and subordinate commands.

Concern of ministers stated in The Hague

The following is the text of the communique issued by EEC foreign ministers to Reuters after their meeting in The Hague on Monday:

Statement by Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Twelve on international terrorism and the crisis in the Mediterranean.

1. The Twelve are gravely concerned by the increased tension in the Mediterranean created by the recent acts of terrorism. They met today to discuss common action against this scourge.

Libyan threats unacceptable

2. They consider that states clearly implicated in supporting terrorism should be induced to renounce such support and to respect the rules of international law. They call upon Libya to act accordingly.

3. The Twelve are convinced that terrorist attacks do not serve whatever political cause the perpetrators claim to be furthering. Outrages like the ones recently perpetrated on the TWA aircraft and in a discotheque in Berlin can never be justified. The Twelve vigorously condemn these outrages, deeply deplore the loss of innocent life involved and express their sympathy with the victims and their families.

4. They also reject the unacceptable threats made by Libyan leaders against member states which deliberately encourage recourse to acts of violence and directly threaten Europe. Any action of this sort will meet with a vigorous and appropriate response on the part of the Twelve.

5. The Twelve have decided to act according to the following lines regarding Libya and, where necessary, regarding other states clearly implicated in supporting terrorism:

diplomatic and consular missions:

6. In conformity with their declaration of 27 January 1986 they reaffirm that no arms or other military equipment will be exported to Libya. They will continue to do everything within their power in order to ensure that their nationals and industry do not seek any commercial advantage from measures in reaction to terrorist attacks and other terrorist activities.

7. They have instructed the experts concerned immediately to identify appropriate measures to be taken by the Twelve, in particular security measures, the application of international conventions on diplomatic and consular privileges and immunities and the safety of civil aviation. The experts' report will be considered at the Ministerial meeting to be held next week.

8. The Twelve are increasing their co-operation with other states in the field of intelligence, the improvement of security measures and, generally, to prevent acts of terrorism.

9. In order to contribute to eliminating international terrorism, the Twelve will use their joint influence in contacts with Libya and, where necessary, with other states concerned.

10. They have decided to inform the Arab States and the League of Arab States about their conclusions and to invite them to analyse jointly and urgently the issue of international terrorism.

11. Finally and in order to enable the achievement of a political solution, avoiding further escalation of military tension in the region with all the inherent dangers, the Twelve underline the need for restraint on all sides.

Greece Moderate criticism reflects new mood

From Mario Modiano Athens

Greece yesterday deplored the American attack on Libya and called for an emergency meeting of European foreign ministers to consider the "abnormal and dangerous" situation.

Mr Karolos Papoulias, the Foreign Minister, criticized Britain and France, without naming them, for having failed to inform Athens that they knew of the raid in advance.

There were doubts here about the official version, but the Prime Minister insisted that Spanish airspace was not used during the raid, and that no US tanker aircraft had

precise judicial status of American base installations in Britain. The Prime Minister revealed that Mr Vernon Walters, the US special envoy, had asked Madrid for permission to use the Spanish base facilities in the event of a conflict when the two met in Madrid on Saturday, and that he was refused.

Unusual air activity over the Strait of Gibraltar is understood to have been reported to the Prime Minister, but he said yesterday that he learned of the bombings first from news agencies.

Senor Gonzalez said that he did not believe a military risk now existed for Europe.

Spain F 111 in emergency landing at joint base near Cadiz

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

One of the US F 111 bombers which left from Britain for the attack on Tripoli made an emergency landing a few hours later at the US-Spanish air and naval base of Rota, near Cadiz, Spanish defence sources revealed yesterday.

Senor Felipe Gonzalez, the Spanish Prime Minister, told a press conference at which he made clear his disagreement with the United States' method of air strikes, that the F 111 had not taken part in the attack.

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Italy Rome says US risks fanaticism

From Peter Nicols Rome

The shock felt in Italy after the American attack was expressed by Signor Bettino Craxi, the Prime Minister, who said that "far from weakening terrorism, military action risked provoking explosive reactions of fanaticism".

He had come directly from a Cabinet meeting, so his statement may be taken as having been approved by his coalition colleagues.

Shortly before he spoke, the Vatican confirmed that Monsignor Giovanni Martinelli, the Apostolic Vicar of Tripoli, who was arrested on Thursday, had been freed. It is thought that four members of religious orders arrested with him had also been released.

Throughout the country yesterday there were spontaneous protest demonstrations. The country's three trade union movements called for a Mediterranean conference on peace, security and the struggle against terrorism.

The Communist Youth Movement had already planned a meeting on the crisis before the attack. But when 3000 people turned up at the cinema, the meeting had to be moved outdoors.

France Airspace denial confirmed

From Diana Geddes Paris

French police were given orders yesterday to increase surveillance on American and British interests in the wake of the American bombardment of Libya.

Mr Hamed Houdeiry, head of the Libyan People's Bureau (ambassador) in Paris, issued a warning that Britain would be held partly responsible for the raid, in having "supported and contributed in a direct way" to the bombardment by allowing American planes to take off from British soil.

Mr Houdeiry said that the raid was a "barbaric act of aggression against civilian targets".

France has made clear that it felt under no obligation to comply with the American request to fly over French territory, as the decision for the raid was that of the US alone, taken without the approval of its Nato allies.

M Jean-Bernard Raimond, the Foreign Minister, confirmed the French refusal to allow US aircraft to use its airspace. France, he said, "deplores that the intolerable escalation of terrorism has led to reprisals which in their turn will relaunch the chain of violence".

West Germany Kohl stops just short of praise

From Our Correspondent Bonn

Most West German political leaders other than Chancellor Kohl criticized or condemned the American attack yesterday. But Herr Kohl stopped short of praise for President Reagan's reprisal strikes.

He said that there were clear indications of Libya's leading role in the encouragement, support and independent execution of many acts of international terrorism. That applied especially to involvement in the West Berlin attack.

The federal Government has consistently rejected force," he added. "But those who, like Colonel Gaddafi, continually preach and practise force must reckon that those concerned will defend themselves against it."

However, Herr Kohl's coalition partner, Herr Martin Bangemann, the Free Democratic Party chairman and Economics Minister, criticized the US action strongly, describing it as a "step for which understanding is hardly to be found".

Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, leader of the Social Democratic opposition, said that the US intervention filled him with great concern and alarm.

The World Arabs rally round Gaddafi

By Our Foreign Staff

Arab nations rallied round Tripoli as concern heightened yesterday over the security of American and Western nationals throughout the Middle East.

Criticism of Washington came from Libya's traditional allies - Syria and non-Arab Iran - as well as from Egypt, its political adversary, and from Saudi Arabia, which has often differed with Colonel Gaddafi's policies.

There was no reaction from Iraq, which is at odds with Gaddafi's reign of terror. The evidence is now conclusive that the terrorist bombing of La Belle discotheque was planned and executed under the direct orders of the Libyan regime.

On March 25, more than a week before the attack, orders were sent from Tripoli to the Libyan People's Bureau in East Berlin to conduct a terrorist attack against Americans, to cause maximum and

massacre using grenades and small arms of civilians waiting in lines for visas at an American Embassy.

Colonel Gaddafi is not only an enemy of the United States. His record of subversion and aggression against the neighboring states in Africa is well documented and well known. He has ordered the murder of fellow Libyans in countless countries. He has sanctioned acts of terror in Africa, Europe and the Middle East, as well as the Western hemisphere. Today we have done what we had to do. If necessary, we shall do it again.

It gives me no pleasure to say that, and I wish it were otherwise. Before Gaddafi seized power in 1969, the people of Libya had been friends of the United States, and I'm sure that today most Libyans are ashamed and disgusted that this man has made their country a synonym for barbarism around the world.

The Libyan people are a decent people caught in the grip of a tyrant.

To our friends and allies in Europe who co-operated in today's mission, I would only say you have the primary gratitude of the American people. Europeans who remember history understand better than most that there is no security, no safety, in the

apprehension of evil. It must be the core of Western policy that there be no sanctuary for terror, and to sustain such a policy, free men and free nations must unite and work together.

Sometimes it is said that by

engaged in acts of international terror - acts that put him outside the company of civilized men. For years, however, he suffered no economic or political or military sanction, and the atrocities mounted in number, as did the innocent dead and wounded.

And for us to ignore, by inaction, the slaughter of American civilians and American soldiers, whether in nightclubs or airline terminals, is simply not in the American tradition. When our citizens are abused or attacked anywhere in the world, on the direct orders of a hostile regime, we will respond so long as I'm in this Oval Office. Self-defence is not only our right, it is our duty. It is the purpose behind the mission undertaken tonight - a mission fully consistent with Article 51 of the United Nations Charter.

We believe that this preemptive action against his terrorist installations will not only diminish Colonel Gaddafi's capacity to export terror

it will provide him with incentives and reasons to alter his criminal behavior. I have no illusion that tonight's action will bring down the curtain on Gaddafi's reign of terror, but this mission, violent though it was, can bring closer a safer and more secure world for decent men and

women. We will persevere. This afternoon we consulted with the leaders of Congress regarding what we were about to do, and why. Tonight, I salute the skill and professionalism of the men and women of our armed forces who carried out this mission. It's an honour to be your commander-in-chief.

We Americans are slow to anger. We always seek peaceful avenues before resorting to

the use of force, and we did. We tried quiet diplomacy, public condemnation, economic sanctions and demonstrations of military force. None succeeded. Despite our repeated warnings, Gaddafi continued his reckless policy of intimidation, his relentless pursuit of terror.

He counted on America to be passive. He counted wrong. I warned that there should be no place on earth where terrorists can rest and train and practice their deadly skills. I meant it. I said that we would act, with others if possible and alone if necessary, to insure that terrorists have no sanctuary anywhere.

Tonight we have. Thank you, and God bless you.

Reagan tells Americans attack is justified by evidence

The following is a transcript of President Reagan's broadcast address on Monday night, as supplied by The New York Times.

My fellow Americans, at 7 o'clock this evening Eastern time, air and naval forces of the United States launched a series of strikes against the headquarters, terrorist facilities and military assets that support Muammar Gaddafi's subversive activities.

The attacks were concentrated and carefully targeted to minimize casualties among the Libyan people, with whom we have no quarrel.

From initial reports, our forces have succeeded in their mission. Several weeks ago, in New Orleans, I warned Colonel Gaddafi we would hold his regime accountable for any new terrorist attacks launched against American citizens. More recently, I made it clear we would respond as soon as we determined conclusively who was responsible for such attacks.

On April 5 in West Berlin a terrorist bomb exploded in a nightclub frequented by American servicemen. Sergeant Kenneth Ford and a young Turkish woman were killed and 230 others were wounded, among them some 50 American military personnel.

This monstrous brutality is but the latest act in Colonel

Great success of mission

indiscriminate casualties. Libya's agents then planted the bomb.

On April 4, the People's Bureau alerted Tripoli that the attack would be carried out the following morning. The next day they reported back to Tripoli on the great success of their mission.

Our evidence is direct, it is precise, it is irrefutable. We have solid evidence about other attacks Gaddafi has planned against the United States' installations and diplomats and even American tourists.

Thanks to close co-operation with our friends, some of these have been prevented. With the help of French authorities, we recently aborted one such attack: a planned

Italy Rome says US risks fanaticism

From Peter Nicols Rome

The shock felt in Italy after the American attack was expressed by Signor Bettino Craxi, the Prime Minister, who said that "far from weakening terrorism, military action risked provoking explosive reactions of fanaticism".

He had come directly from a Cabinet meeting, so his statement may be taken as having been approved by his coalition colleagues.

Shortly before he spoke, the Vatican confirmed that Monsignor Giovanni Martinelli, the Apostolic Vicar of Tripoli, who was arrested on Thursday, had been freed. It is thought that four members of religious orders arrested with him had also been released.

Throughout the country yesterday there were spontaneous protest demonstrations. The country's three trade union movements called for a Mediterranean conference on peace, security and the struggle against terrorism.

The Communist Youth Movement had already planned a meeting on the crisis before the attack. But when 3000 people turned up at the cinema, the meeting had to be moved outdoors.

France Airspace denial confirmed

From Diana Geddes Paris

French police were given orders yesterday to increase surveillance on American and British interests in the wake of the American bombardment of Libya.

Mr Hamed Houdeiry, head of the Libyan People's Bureau (ambassador) in Paris, issued a warning that Britain would be held partly responsible for the raid, in having "supported and contributed in a direct way" to the bombardment by allowing American planes to take off from British soil.

Mr Houdeiry said that the raid was a "barbaric act of aggression against civilian targets".

France has made clear that it felt under no obligation to comply with the American request to fly over French territory, as the decision for the raid was that of the US alone, taken without the approval of its Nato allies.

M Jean-Bernard Raimond, the Foreign Minister, confirmed the French refusal to allow US aircraft to use its airspace. France, he said, "deplores that the intolerable escalation of terrorism has led to reprisals which in their turn will relaunch the chain of violence".

West Germany Kohl stops just short of praise

From Our Correspondent Bonn

Most West German political leaders other than Chancellor Kohl criticized or condemned the American attack yesterday. But Herr Kohl stopped short of praise for President Reagan's reprisal strikes.

He said that there were clear indications of Libya's leading role in the encouragement, support and independent execution of many acts of international terrorism. That applied especially to involvement in the West Berlin attack.

The federal Government has consistently rejected force," he added. "But those who, like Colonel Gaddafi, continually preach and practise force must reckon that those concerned will defend themselves against it."

However, Herr Kohl's coalition partner, Herr Martin Bangemann, the Free Democratic Party chairman and Economics Minister, criticized the US action strongly, describing it as a "step for which understanding is hardly to be found".

Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, leader of the Social Democratic opposition, said that the US intervention filled him with great concern and alarm.



President Reagan: Libyans caught in grip of tyrant

imposing sanctions against Colonel Gaddafi or by striking at his terrorist installations, we only magnify the man's importance - that the proper way to deal with him is to ignore him. I do not agree.

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The air strike on Tripoli

Bombers hit sleeping city before a shot can be fired by defenders

They came without warning over the brilliantly lit city. In novels, they howl or shriek, but in the windy darkness yesterday morning the Americans just arrived in an explosion of sound so enormous that the detonation of their bombs was almost inaudible.

From Robert Fisk, Tripoli put up a few rounds of bright pink tracer. Then a missile wobbled across the horizon, trailing a red glow. There was just a momentary image of an American jet illuminated by a spray of flames over the sea.

Still the streets, the harbour, even the ships in the port, were bathed in light. The red and green signal lamps at the harbour mouth went on blinking stupidly.

There was no way of knowing then what the Americans were hitting, no way of realizing that one pilot had dropped his bombs across the civilian houses of the Bin Ashour. The explosions went on erupting across the city.

Only with the fifth jet was there an arc of tracer from two or three Libyan guns, but this time the sound of the plane moved towards Colonel Gaddafi's Azaziya Barracks residence, followed by a rumble of

explosions. And that was all. In five minutes, the Americans had come and gone.

It took another quarter of an hour before the streets filled with motorists, all driving fast, presumably in search of relatives. It took even longer before someone thought of enforcing a blackout, and turned off the city's electricity system.

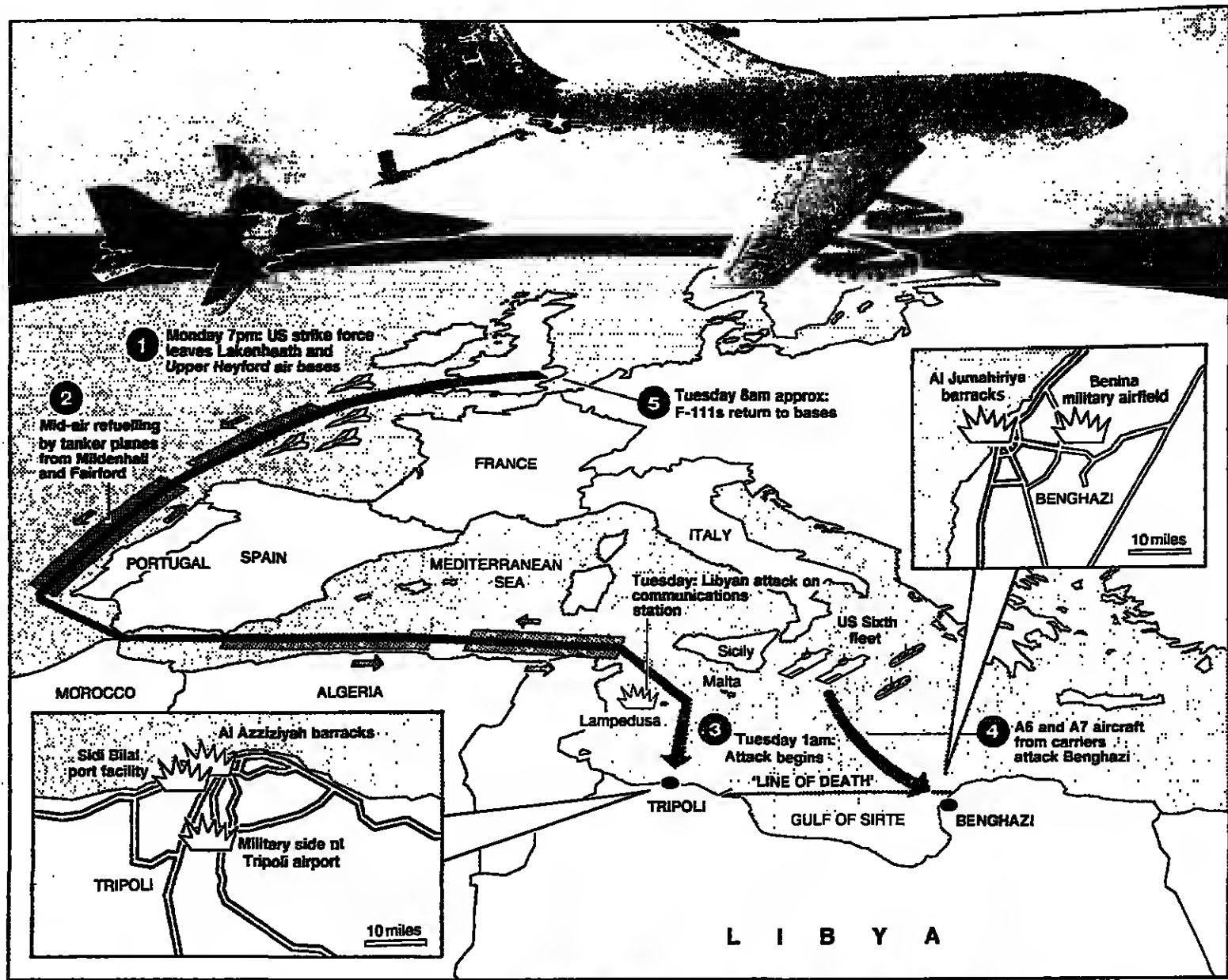
Did Colonel Gaddafi not think the Americans would come? An hour or so later, Libyan radio announced that some members of his family had been wounded, but that the man who likes to be the great revolutionary thinker was safe.

Across the bay at dawn his naval crews, who had remained idle all night during the attack, fired off thousands of anti-aircraft rounds from their gunboats, until the sky was filled with flashing pinpoints of light.

Someone loosed off some rockets across the city. There were rumours of a coup attempt. Did the Americans have friends on the ground, some "wandering dogs", as Colonel Gaddafi called his Libyan opponents?

Apparently not. The last, purposeless display of firepower was more likely intended to persuade the people of Tripoli that its armed forces had defended them. Even then, it seemed, artifice had to become part of reality.

How the Americans struck in the night



Key facts about Libya: ● POPULATION: 3.22 million (1982 official estimate). Sunni Islam is state religion. ● AREA: 685,524 sq miles. ● ARMED FORCES: 73,000 (selective conscription). Army 58,000, including armoured, missile and artillery battalions. Navy 6,500, six Soviet submarines, one large combat vessel, 24 surface and coastal patrol craft. Air force 8,500, some 535 combat aircraft, 42 helicopters. Reserves:

40,000 militia, 10,000 paramilitary. ● ECONOMY: Member of Opec. Last production quota 990,000 bpd (2m in 1979). Since 1980 oil earnings have dropped by 40 per cent and further drop is expected this year. ● RECENT HISTORY: Gained independence in 1951 after a decade of British and French rule. Colonel Gaddafi seized power from King Idris in a 1969 military coup.

Opec meets in Geneva

Gadaffi seeks oil embargo

From David Young, Geneva The Arab oil producers have been asked to impose an embargo on exports to the United States and to any country which supports it in its campaign against Libya.

The Libyan oil minister, Mr Fawzi Shakhshouki, who is in Geneva for the emergency meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), said yesterday that he would be asking for Opec again to use the oil weapon against the US.

He said that Arab oil exports to Britain should also be embargoed and that any other country which co-operated with airport facilities for US military aircraft should have exports halted.

However, several Arab delegates have acknowledged that the oil weapon has been blunted. The present situation of over-supply, which has driven prices down, has cut Arab sales to the US to 600,000 barrels a day, which Mexico and Canada would gladly step in to supply.

An embargo on sales to Britain would also have little effect. Prices would inevitably rise as cheap cargoes were removed from the market, but North Sea output is high enough to meet demand.

It is far from certain that Libya will win much support within Opec. Delegates from the Gulf countries are, however, acknowledging that while many states do not favour Colonel Gaddafi's brand of politics, the involvement of civilian casualties in an Arab country makes it impossible for them not to support calls for an embargo.

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The armoury Libya has military options to hit back

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

Although it is assumed that if Libya wished to retaliate against the air attacks it would do so by terrorist action, it does at least have the theoretical ability to mount more conventional military attacks against Europe.

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Wreckage in Tripoli of what the Libyans claim is a US aircraft shot down during the raid.

A record of recent bitter relations

A chronology of the recent bitter US-Libyan relations:

1979, December: US Embassy in Tripoli burned. Washington suspends diplomatic activities, but embassy staff remain. US interests in Libya looked after by Belgium.

1980, May: US Embassy in Tripoli closed after attacks on French Embassy. Libya detains two US nationals, expels 25 others for alleged spying.

1981, May: Reagan Administration, referring to Libyan "assassinating squads", orders closing of Libya's Embassy in Washington and expulsion of Libyan diplomats.

August: Two F14 fighters from aircraft carrier USS Nimitz shoot down two Soviet-built Libyan fighters with missiles after being attacked during exercises off the Gulf of Sirte.

1982, October: Gadaffi says Libyan exiles who work against his regime face assassination.

1985, March: Gadaffi calls on guerrilla groups to launch organized "suicide mission" to topple moderate Middle East governments.

July: Reagan calls for Western campaign against terrorism. December: US accuses Libya of backing December 27 terrorist attacks at Rome and Vienna airports that killed 20 people and wounded 110.

1986, January: Reagan announces wide-scale economic sanctions against Libya and orders all Americans out by February 1.

March 14: Libya fires six anti-aircraft missiles at US jet near the Gulf of Sirte - "line of death". US Navy warplanes blast missile launch site and destroy two Libyan missile boats.

March 27: US Navy ends manoeuvres off Libya after twice bombing missile guidance base in Gulf of Sirte and firing on five Libyan ships, sinking three.

April 3: Bomb explodes on TWA flight 840 travelling from Rome to Athens. Four passengers, all Americans, killed.

April 5: Bomb rips through West Berlin discotheque filled with American troops, killing US serviceman and Turkish woman and injuring 150 people, more than a third Americans.

April 9: Two US aircraft battle groups in Mediterranean ordered to remain in the area. West Germany orders expulsion of two Libyan diplomats.

April 10: Gadaffi prepared to escalate violence against American targets if the US uses West Berlin discotheque and TWA bombings as an excuse to attack Libya.

April 14: EEC foreign ministers meeting at The Hague brand Libya supporter of terrorism, decide to restrict movements of Libyan diplomats in their countries. They refuse to impose comprehensive economic sanctions and urge Washington to use military restraint. That night the US carries out air strikes against Libyan terrorist and related targets.

Myth of 'surgical bombing'

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and the cars which had been tossed haphazardly around the streets by the bombs. A middle-aged man in a red turban had gingerly approached us, and quietly and very politely as if excusing himself for something insulting, said: "You know this. This is a civilian area. How could they have done this?"

A young girl sitting amid the ruins of her sitting room gave her own suggestion, shaking all the while with the delayed shock of the bomb blast. She pointed down the road past the French Embassy, with its smashed windows and sharp-edged facade, to a large gaunt building - perhaps 10 storeys high - almost half a mile away.

"That's the headquarters of the security police," she said. "That must have been their target, but they dropped their bombs on us." The Japanese Ambassador, Mr Eija Tanaka, standing outside his own windowless embassy, said the same thing.

The group of Gadaffi officials who took the press to this scene of devastation did not, of course, allude to the grim and scarcely undamaged building across the rubble. Nor did the young gunman who emerged want television crews to film in that direction. The killing of civilians, they said, was a wanton act of Anglo-American aggression - and "Anglo-American aggression" is the expression they are using now.

The Americans had indeed bombed a heavily populated residential area of Tripoli and had killed and wounded civilians; if nothing else, it proved that all the talk of "surgical bombing" was, as usual in the Middle East, a myth.

That is what Dr Iamnis Perais said. A middle-aged Greek dentist, he stood forlorn in what was left of his second-floor flat on Said bin Zaik Street. "My wife and I heard the planes coming and we started running to the stairs, but we only got this far." He pointed to the ground where dark blood had congealed. "Suddenly, explosions started. Theo I remember nothing."

Outside, a group of youths were still shovelling rubble from what was left of Mr Mashirgi's house. "There are three more members of his family down here," one of the group said. "We will pay back the Americans for this."

Strains between allies Kremlin caution likely to override rhetoric

By Christopher Walker

Western security experts remained confident yesterday that the Kremlin would back any overt military moves on Colonel Gaddafi's behalf despite the fury with which it denounced the US bombing. The Kremlin's caution, for the second time in a month, was well disguised behind a barrage from the news agency Tass, which described the US action as "barbarous and totally unjustified aggression".

One diplomat in Moscow said: "There will be an awful lot of sound and fury, but I would be surprised if they tried to raise the temperature." Another pointed out that although the Kremlin had to show solidarity with Libya, arms control issues were of greater importance to the overall plans of Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader.

Much of the optimism among Western governments about the chances of averting a serious new East-West clash stems from the difficult relationship between the Kremlin and Colonel Gaddafi, who is one of its closest allies in the Arab world and a recipient of large amounts of military hardware.

The strains were highlighted

Sombre list tells story of carnage

Washington - Twenty five Americans were killed overseas in terrorist attacks last year, according to the State Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security (Mohsin Ali writes).

The Bureau says that during 1973-85 there were 154 lethal attacks on Americans overseas and 412 were killed.

The 25 Americans killed in the attacks last year exceeded the total for any year except 1983 when 243 servicemen died, including those in the bombing of the US Marine barracks in Beirut.

Attacks by region were: Latin America, 58; Middle East, 34; Europe, 25; Aegean, 19; Asia/Oceania, 11; Africa 5.

The occupation of Americans killed overseas in the lethal attacks were: Private, 112; Diplomatic, 28; Military, 262; Other government personnel, 5. Most important terrorist groups involved were: Abu Nidal, drug traffickers, Islamic Jihad Organization.

How America took the news 'Take that!' says the press amid fears the mad dog will bite back

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

Americans yesterday gave overwhelming support for President Reagan's blow, saying "we have to show we are strong - this was long overdue". Dissent was hard to find.

But underlying the general satisfaction, there was concern and an expectation that Libya will seek revenge, disappointment over the paucity of support from Europe and praise for the role played by Britain.

"Take that, Khadafi!" exulted the New York Post. Two television networks carried "America Strikes Back" logos on their morning news programmes.

In bars, people raised their glasses and cheered. "It is high time we stood up for ourselves and showed some muscle... The President did what he had to do and we are right behind him."

Spying on terrorism

The 'irrefutable' evidence

The extraordinarily detailed disclosures by President Reagan of sensitive intelligence information about Libya demonstrates a hitherto unknown ability of the United States to penetrate the secret messages of other countries.

"Our evidence is direct, it is precise, it is irrefutable," Mr Reagan said in a television address. Collecting the secret communications of foreign governments is the work of the National Security Agency (NSA), equivalent to Britain's GCHQ at Cheltenham and the most classified area of the US Government.

It has a secret budget much larger than that of the Central Intelligence Agency and operates a worldwide listening network, details of which are closely guarded but which includes ground listening stations, spy ships and satellites.

The NSA operates out of a nondescript building on the road between Washington and Baltimore, surrounded by high fences with enormous many-shaped aerials protruding from rooftops. Mr Reagan said that on March 25 there was a message from Tripoli to the Libyan Peoples' Bureau in East Berlin directing an attack on Americans. The day before, US fighter planes had attacked Libyan patrol boats in the Gulf of Sirte as well as a missile radar site on the Libyan coast.

Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, said later that in that message the bureau assured Tripoli the operation had gone underground and could not be traced.

In another remarkable disclosure, Mr Reagan said that with the help of the French the US had recently aborted a Libyan attack, which he described as a "planned massacre using grenades and small arms", against civilians queuing for visas at a US embassy.

Some of the American intelligence has been shown to the allies. According to one intelligence source, Western countries were given different amounts of information based on American assessments of their ability to ensure long-term confidentiality.

Without giving details, Mr Speakes said: "We have highly reliable intelligence that Gadaffi and his lieutenants are planning attacks on US citizens and facilities in Europe, the Middle East and Latin America. In Africa, Libyans have been planning attacks and conducting surveillance on US facilities in 10 countries."



# Bhutto success prompts Zia to threaten new emergency

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

Mr Aslam Khattak, the Interior Minister of Pakistan, has given a warning that the Government might reimpose the state of emergency lifted in December after 20 years, if attempts are made to create chaos now that political activity has been permitted in the country.

The largest Urdu-language newspaper, which quoted the minister, said that his comments were made in the context of the tour of Punjab by Miss Benazir Bhutto, the most important anti-government leader.

Another report said that the administration might prevent Miss Bhutto from continuing her tour, which has been attracting vast crowds. Sometimes her cavalcade has been slowed to walking pace.

Muhammad Khan Junjo, was to discuss measures to meet Miss Bhutto's challenge at a high-level meeting later last night.

Miss Bhutto, who now leads the Pakistan People's Party, on the sixth day of her campaign has stepped up her demands for immediate elections and for the resignation of President Zia ul-Haq.

General Zia and other government leaders have rejected her demands.

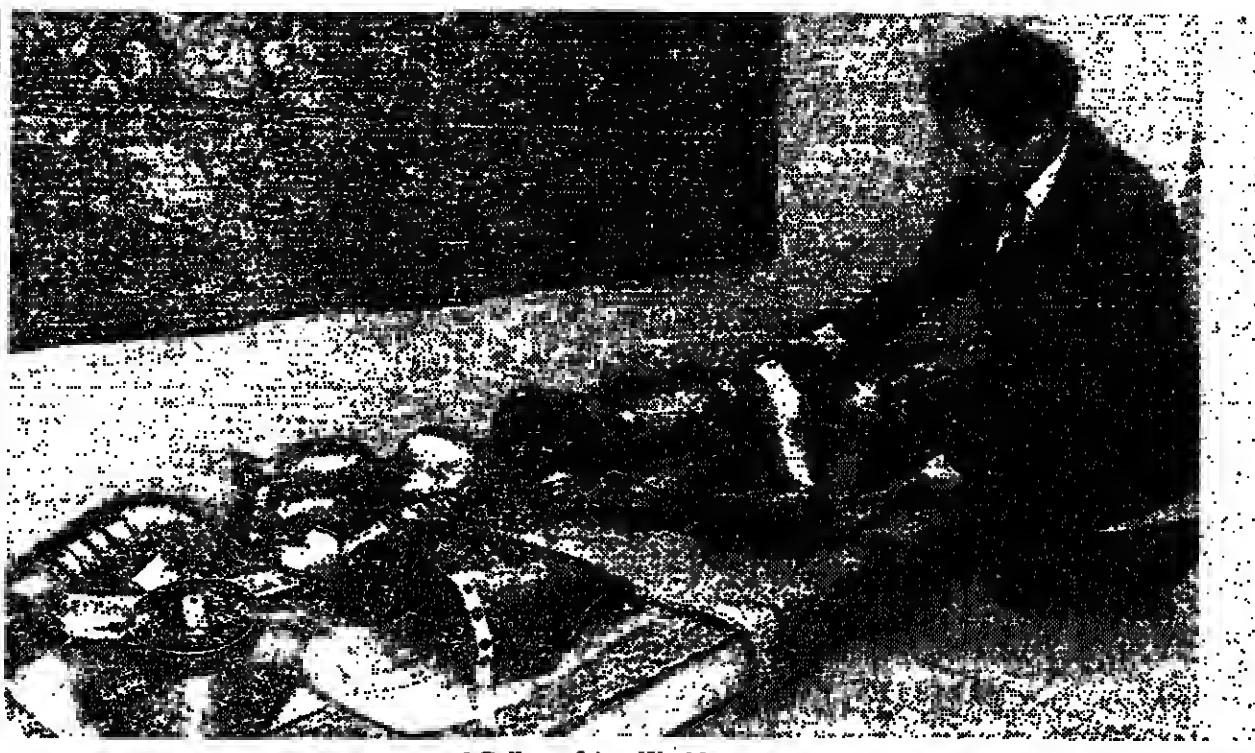
Accounts of Miss Bhutto's public meetings and processions in the press show that she has been able to arouse considerable public sympathy for herself.

Her political opponents predict, however, that she will become a spent force in a few weeks as she appears vague about her political intentions.

## 13 held in football scandal

Rome (Reuters) — Police have charged 13 people with conspiring to rig results of Italian football matches in an alleged betting racket, and have served notices warning

nearly 40 more that they are under investigation for fraud. The 13 arrested include the goalkeeper and a trainer of the third division club Pro Vercelli.



Mr J. Carter Brown, director of the National Gallery of Art, Washington, checks armour from "The Treasure Houses of Britain" exhibition which closed on Sunday after drawing large crowds during its 23-week run.

## Suharto protest

Jakarta (Reuters) — Demonstrators waving Indonesian flags protested outside the Australian Embassy yesterday as Jakarta newspaper reports about alleged financial dealings by President Suharto and his family.

About 100 members of the Indonesian National Youth Committee distributed leaflets urging the Australian Government to muzzle its press,

saying that the media was slandering Indonesia.

● Death plot denial: A jailed dissident and ex-minister yesterday denied plotting to assassinate President Suharto (AFP reports).

The charges were far-fetched fantasies of the prosecution's reconstruction of the facts. Mr Muhammad Sami, aged 65, told the Central District Court in Jakarta.

## 2lb hailstones bring death to celebration

Dhaka (Reuters) — A lethal hailstorm lashing the Bangladesh capital area has killed nearly 50 people and injured more than 400, bringing tragedy to colourful ceremonies marking the Bengali New Year.

The sudden storm on Monday night brought winds of about 60 mph and dropped hailstones weighing up to 2 lb, mostly on the suburbs.

Houses were flattened, communications disrupted and the windscreens of more than 700 cars shattered. Insurance officials said vehicle damage claims alone already had reached 7,500,000 taka (about £170,000).

The Dhaka weather office says that further hailstorms and cyclones can be expected in coming weeks.

## Defence objects to judge's questions in Artukovic trial

From Dassa Trevisan, Zagreb

Mr Andrija Artukovic, the wartime Minister of the Interior of the Croatian puppet regime, admitted during cross-examination on the second day of his trial for alleged war crimes yesterday that he had "heard of concentration camps", but denied vigorously having organized them or having issued orders for brutalities and large-scale exterminations of Jews and Serbs.

Mr Artukovic, aged 86 — who appeared an old, bewildered man on the first day of his trial — seemed astute and alert, answering clearly and remembering some events but choosing not to remember others as the presiding judge tried to establish his role in wartime atrocities.

Clearly dissatisfied with some of his replies, the defence objected formally to what they thought were leading questions put by the presiding judge. They said that Mr Artukovic was, at his age, prone to suggestions.

His failing memory was made apparent when he was

asked who was the leader of Nazi Germany. He replied: "Ribbentrop", then quickly corrected himself and said with a smile: "Hitler".

Among the charges are those concerning the genocide of Jews, 200,000 of whom perished in Croatian concentration camps.

Mr Artukovic denied vigorously having played any important part in it, saying that decisions about racial discrimination were passed by the head of the Croatian state, Mr Ante Pavelic, who died in Argentina about 20 years ago.

He said that while the initiative came from above, and that he, as Minister of the Interior, was asked to give his opinion, the implementation of the act was left to the "experts" lower down.

Mr Artukovic dodged his personal responsibility on several points, but vanity clearly overruled when the judge asked him whether he had enjoyed the trust of Mr Pavelic. He agreed, nodding with a broad grin.

## Execution still in 44 countries

By Our Diplomatic Staff

Amnesty International, the human rights organization, has evidence of more than 1,100 people being executed throughout the world in 1985, but these were only part of a much larger, unknown, total.

Amnesty said yesterday it had evidence of 1,125 executions and 1,489 death sentences — substantially fewer than the 1,513 executions and 2,068 sentences in 1984.

It was impossible to know whether this reflected a change in the real numbers, because the true totals every year are believed much higher than those which could be documented, it said.

Amnesty counts only those cases on which it has individual details. From Iraq, where hundreds of people were reported to have been put to death for criminal or political offences, only 19 executions confirmed by the Government are included in the figures.

The documented totals for China, of 135, and 470 for Iran, are believed far lower than the real number executed in those countries.

Executions were reported in 1985 from 44 countries and death sentences from 61 countries, but the figures include only those cases in which some form of trial and sentence was believed or claimed to have taken place.

They exclude summary killings of prisoners reported from a number of countries.

Amnesty says it sees some encouraging developments in the movement to abolish the death penalty.

## Flaws seen in UN plan for Cyprus

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Athens and Nicosia have agreed that the latest United Nations proposals for a Cyprus settlement do not look at their key concern, the withdrawal of Turkish troops.

They say that the plan contains many positive points, but feel that some provisions undermine the concept of a unitary state and that there must be consideration of the troop withdrawal before an interim federal administration takes over.

President Kyprianou, who has just concluded his second round of consultations here with Greek leaders on the proposals submitted by Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, flew back to Nicosia last night.

The main object of the talks was to see how the Greek side could reject the de Cuéllar plan as a negotiating framework without taking the blame for another breakdown of the peace process.

The Greeks do not want to discourage him from pursuing his initiative further, and do not want to appear to antagonize the US, Britain and the Soviet Union, all of which, in varying degrees, have given their support to the UN effort.

They are particularly keen to ensure that the Turkish military presence should end before the establishment of a bi-communal federal administration, a point beyond which the Greek-Cypriots' freedom of action will be restricted by a Turkish Cypriot veto.

## Hawke tour to protect Australia's farm trade

From Tony Dubouin, Melbourne

Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, left yesterday for a two-week tour to the United States and Europe.

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Mr Hawke: Going out to fight for his farmers.

## Swiss freeze funds held for Duvalier

Geneva — The Swiss Government has ordered banks in Zurich, Lausanne and Geneva to block funds held for Jean-Claude Duvalier, the former president of Haiti (Alan McGregor writes).

The order came direct from the Ministry of Justice, after a visit to Bern by Haitian Government officials.

A telex from Haiti yesterday asked Switzerland to take "provisional measures" pending a formal request for judicial aid on the assets.

## Bokassa asks for children to be put in care

Paris — The woes of the impecunious former emperor of Central Africa, Jean-Bedel Bokassa, who is living in exile outside Paris, continue (Diana Geddes writes).

He now says he wants to place in care his six children because "they have nothing to eat".

Jean-Christian, aged 13, Jean-Bertrand, aged 12, and Marie-Eleonore, aged 11, have already been put in care after shoplifting because they were hungry, he says.

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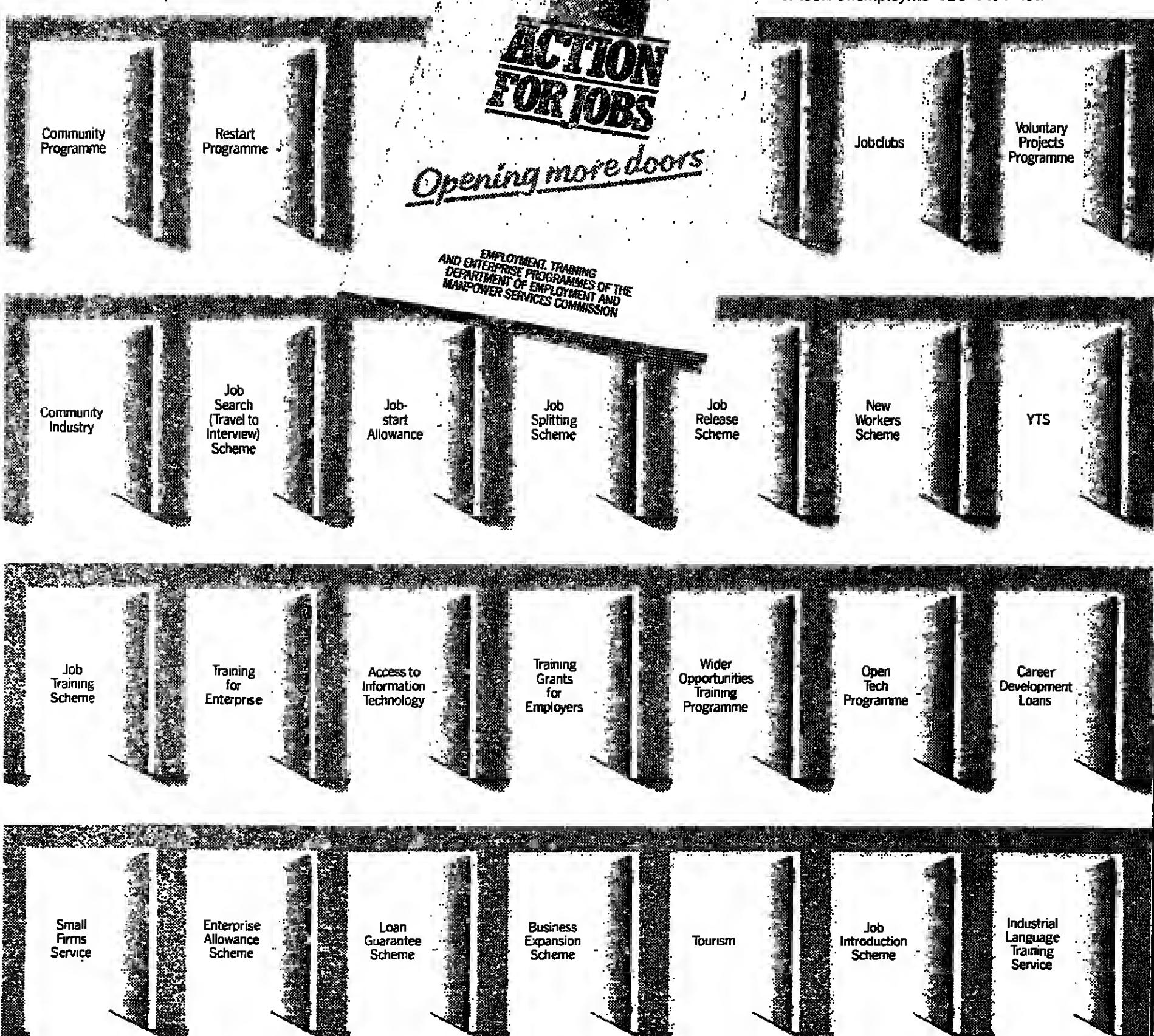
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# Pretoria takes Winnie Mandela to task for 'necklace' remarks

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Mrs Winnie Mandela, the wife of the jailed leader of the outlawed African National Congress, Mr Nelson Mandela, was castigated yesterday by the South African Government for remarks she made last weekend, interpreted as advocating violence to end white rule.

A statement issued by Mr Louis Nel, the deputy Minister of Information, said that Mrs Mandela and the ANC had now shown their true colours.

"All those who seek to enter into dialogue with the ANC would do well if they give careful consideration to Mrs Mandela's remarks," he said. Whether by design or accident, the statement came on the same day as Mrs Mandela was the guest of honour at a dinner hosted in Pretoria by the West German Embassy for Herr Willy Brandt, the former Chancellor and current chairman of the opposition South African Democratic Party.

Herr Brandt arrived in Johannesburg yesterday morning. He is to stay in South Africa until tomorrow, when he will fly on to Botswana for a meeting of representatives of European and Latin American Social Democratic parties.

In an interview with *The Times*, Herr Brandt said that he had asked for permission to visit Mr Mandela in Pollsmoor prison in Cape Town, but had not yet had a response.

He said he intended to return to South Africa after visiting Botswana and hoped to meet President Botha on Monday.

He also plans to see Bishop Desmond Tutu and other leading Church opponents of the Government, black union leaders, white businessmen, and officials of the United Democratic Front, the multi-racial anti-apartheid organization regarded by Pretoria as a front for the ANC.

Mrs Mandela's weekend remarks, in which she spoke of blacks liberating the country with "matches and necklaces" continue to reverberate.

She has claimed that she was quoted out of context, but has not disowned the phrases attributed to her.

The "necklace" is the name used in the black townships for a rubber tyre filled with petrol which is put round the victim's body and set alight. It has been used mainly as a weapon against police informers and other blacks deemed to be government collaborators.



Sir Yehudi Menuhin, right, and President Mitterrand of France embracing after the British violinist had been made a Grand Chevalier of the Legion d'honneur at a Paris ceremony.

## Rival proposals on Contras support

# Debate on US aid widens

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Three rival proposals for aid to the Nicaraguan Contras went before the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives yesterday, all of them aimed at re-establishing a close relationship between the United States and the anti-Communist rebels.

The debate has clearly moved beyond the single issue of trying to destabilize the Sandinista Government to the larger question of American backing for anti-Communist groups around the world, such as in Angola and Afghanistan. There seems little doubt that American aid will soon flow again to the Nicaraguan fighters.

Democrat opponents of American military entanglement in the Nicaraguan conflict attempted yesterday to force the parliamentary procedure that would tie the aid to another bill President Reagan opposes and has pledged to veto. On the eve of the debate Mr Reagan said that such "subterfuge and backroom deals" could lead to a forest of legislative delays and endanger the lives of countless young Nicaraguans.

The two main proposals — one from the White House, the other from the Democrat leadership — would give \$100 million (£66.6 million) to the rebels, whose effectiveness as a fighting force has clearly deteriorated since Congress cut off aid in mid-1984. Up to then the US had secretly given \$80 million to the rebels, most

# Norwegians gain 37½-hour week

Oslo (Reuters) — Norway returned to work yesterday after the country's worst industrial conflict in 55 years. A separate dispute that has halted vital oil and gas production, however, showed no sign of ending.

More than 100,000 workers from five trade unions resumed work after employers lifted a week-long lockout imposed when annual wage talks broke down over working conditions.

After 26 hours of talks between the Norwegian Federation of Trade Unions and the Confederation of Norwegian Employers, the average working week was reduced from 40 to 37½ hours.

Employers dropped demands that the shorter working week be linked to renegotiation of the minimum wage accords and the two sides agreed to a pay increase of one crown (about 48p) an hour for 1986.

Finance Ministry officials said the settlement appeared to represent a 9 or 10 per cent cost increase about double what the Oslo Government says is the maximum for holding down inflation.

Mr Rolf Presthus, the Finance Minister, has said that the oil-reliant economy is in serious trouble because of the collapse in world prices and that he will make major cuts in public spending in the 1987 state budget, to be announced next month, unless wage levels are pegged at about 5 per cent.

Mr Pal Kraby, the employers' confederation president who has been criticized for invoking the first mass lockout of Norwegians since 1931, welcomed the settlement but said it could weaken Norway's competitiveness as an exporter.

Political sources said that Mr Kaare Willoch, the Prime Minister, had forced Mr Kraby to return to the negotiating table but showed no signs of being anxious to settle the more costly dispute.

About 670 cooks and cleaners walked out demanding a 28 per cent pay rise.

Oil, which was running at some 900,000 barrels a day before the dispute, is Norway's most valuable export earner. But the sources said that there was no urgency to start pumping again while world prices were low on a glutted market.

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# British top buyers of Bordeaux

Paris — Exports of Bordeaux wines rose last year by 9 per cent in volume and by nearly a third in value, with Britain topping the list of the foreign buyers (Diana Geddes writes).

Of the 163 million litres of Bordeaux wine exported last year at a value of 4 billion francs (£365 million), Britain bought 25.7 million litres, followed closely by The Netherlands, with 25.6 million litres, and the US (25.1 million litres).

Britain was also France's number one foreign client for champagne last year, accounting for 15.3 million of the record 195 million bottles sold worldwide. This was a mere drop in the ocean, however, compared with the 123 million bottles bought by France.

In cognac exports, Britain had to bow its head once again to the US, which bought 31 million bottles last year, but Britain preserved its second place with 15.8 million bottles, up 6 per cent over the previous year. Total cognac exports rose to 118 million bottles at a value of 5.5 billion francs.

There will be no Chateau Ludevine 1984 or 1985 after the entire stock of the *crux bourgeois supérieur* from the Médoc was destroyed in a fire last week.

# Mixed reaction to election of Tutu

From Our Own Correspondent

The South African Government has congratulated Bishop Desmond Tutu on his election as Archbishop-designate of Cape Town, a position it describes as "the most respected and highly regarded" in the Anglican Church.

It urged him, however, to reject "the methods of change of those who are clearly committed to violence" and to support the search for "constructive reforms" through peaceful negotiations.

A statement issued by Mr Louis Nel, the deputy Minister of Information, said it was to be hoped that Archbishop Tutu "would also assist in the socio-economic development of all the people in South Africa, which is dependent on economic growth".

This was an oblique reference to Bishop Tutu's call on

April 2 for the imposition on South Africa of the outside world of punitive economic sanctions, favoured by most black political groups but opposed by almost all whites.

Bishop Tutu will be enthroned as Archbishop in September after the present incumbent, Archbishop Philip Russell, retires on August 31.

He will then become the first black head of the 2,200,000-strong Anglican community in Southern Africa. At present, he is Bishop of Johannesburg.

Speaking after his election, Bishop Tutu said that as Archbishop he would not be a one-man-band, and would listen closely to the advice of his counsellors in the diocese. He promised to work for peace and reconciliation, but also for fundamental change in South Africa.

# Optimism as Brazil prices fall

São Paulo (Reuters) — President Sarney of Brazil has announced that consumer prices fell by nearly 1.5 per cent in March, and that the success of the anti-inflation programme was guaranteed.

"The programme is victorious and definitive... we are living a new moment in the history of the country," he said in a televised speech to the nation on Monday.

Prices fell by 1.48 per cent overall, he said, with food prices down 5 per cent in March, the first month after the Government imposed a total freeze on prices and introduced sweeping reform of the monetary system to combat the country's 250 per cent inflation rate.

According to economists at the independent Gertulio Vargas Research Foundation, it was the first time prices had fallen in any month in Brazil since September 1957.

President Sarney said that Brazil had changed, and that there was now a new spirit that would not disappear.

He said the Government pledged to continue social programmes aimed at eliminating poverty and hunger.



President Sarney: Forecast of a new economic era.

# Egyptian riot police patrol city in protest

Cairo (Reuters) — Riot police moved into the city of Asyut in southern Egypt yesterday as Muslim fundamentalists planned a rally to protest at the death of a Muslim militant student shot last month by police.

Hundreds of riot police, some carrying sub-machine guns, deployed in and around the city, a traditional hotbed of Muslim militancy, shortly after news of the death became public last night.

Police searched vehicles and passengers arriving at Asyut, 213 miles south of Cairo, looking for arms or militants who may have travelled there to foment unrest.

Mr Shaaban Rashid, an Asyut University student, was shot to the head by a plainclothes policeman on March 31 as he was putting up a street poster for a rally by a hardline Muslim cleric.

He died of his wounds yesterday at a military hospital in Cairo. Security sources said his body was flown to Sobag, 62 miles south of Asyut, and later driven to his home village for burial amid tight security.

# Greek Navy man cleared of spying

From Mario Modiano, Athens

A junior Greek naval officer named by a Soviet defector as a spy on Moscow's payroll has been acquitted unanimously by a Greek Navy court martial.

The tribunal, after hearings lasting five days, said on Monday that the charges of espionage against Lieutenant Vassilis Serapisios, aged 35, had not been proved.

Lieutenant Serapisios was one of five Greeks named as Soviet agents by Mr Sergei Bokhan, the Soviet military intelligence officer who defected from Athens to the United States in May last year.

His acquittal is seen as a rebuff to the United States, which has delayed the sale of military aircraft to the Greek Air Force in the wake of Mr Bokhan's alleged revelations about Soviet espionage in Greece.

Two Greek civilians were arrested at the time and charged with selling Western military technology secrets to the Russians. One has been released on bail.

During the trial Greek intelligence officers who interviewed Mr Bokhan in Washington said that according to the defector Lt Serapisios had furnished secret Nato docu-

ments to the Russians for eight years in return for payment.

The court, however, ruled that Mr Bokhan was the only source of these accusations and there had been no independent corroboration. Even the prosecutor recommended acquittal in the absence of convincing confirmation of the "serious evidence".

Lt Serapisios said he had been the victim of a malicious frame-up because of his left-wing ideology and his contacts with a prominent member of the Greek Communist Party.

He denied ever having met Mr Bokhan or the other Soviet intelligence contacts claimed in the indictment.

MUNICH: A West German aerospace engineer charged with passing high technology secrets to Moscow for 30 years made a tearful confession in court yesterday that he had signed as a communist agent in 1954 (Reuters reports).

Manfred Roitsch, aged 61, said at the opening of his trial that he agreed to sign a contract to work for Soviet bloc intelligence when East German officials threatened to prevent his plans to settle in the West.

# Sabah court challenge by opposition fails

Kota Kinabalu (Reuters) — The leader of Sabah's Muslim opposition party, Tun Mustapha Harun, yesterday lost his High Court case challenging the right of the Chief Minister, Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan, to rule the Malaysian state.

Several hundred supporters of Mr Mustapha's United Sabah National Organization (USNO) thronged the court, which is ringed with barbed wire, but no trouble was reported.

Five people were killed and about 20 injured last month in bomb and arson attacks and riots as Muslim activists tried to oust Datuk Pairin's largely Christian government.

Tun Mustapha was given a month in which to appeal. Police had set up road-blocks in the state capital of Kota Kinabalu to prevent any possible repetition of last month's violence.

Political life and day-to-day government in Sabah has come to a virtual standstill when Muslim opposition to

Datuk Pairin's rule flared after his Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) won a landslide state election victory a year ago.

Datuk Pairin dissolved the assembly in February after defections from his party to the opposition.

Fresh elections are due on May 5 and 6.

The Federal Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, failed last month to patch up the deep differences between Datuk Pairin and his opponents.

Datuk Pairin rejects opposition accusations that his Government is anti-Islamic and that Muslim civil servants suffer discrimination at work.

Sabah is the only one of Malaysia's 13 states not ruled by Dr Mahathir's Muslim Malay-dominated National Front Coalition.

His "Sabah Formula" suggested that PBS, USNO, and another opposition party, Berjaya, should co-operate in government under Datuk Pairin's rule, but Pairin's hardliners rejected this.

# Challenger clue to be examined

Washington — Investigators were yesterday preparing to get their first look at the main suspect in the space shuttle Challenger explosion on January 28 (Mohsin Ali writes).

The 10 ft by 20 ft piece retrieved from 500 ft of water about 35 miles off the coast of Cape Canaveral has a hole in the spot where photographs showed hot gases spewing from the booster just before Challenger exploded.

# Nimeiry aide sentenced

Khartoum (AFP) — General Omar Muhammad Tayeb, the deputy to former President Nimeiry of Sudan, was jailed for an extra five years for violating the Arab boycott of Israel by helping to airlift Ethiopian Jews to the Jewish state, officials said.

He had already been jailed for 54 years for his role in the transfer.

# Rockets burn

Tokyo (AFP) — A truck carrying what appeared to be home-made rocket launchers went up in flames near a US air base. No casualties or damage were reported.

# Missile fails

New York (Reuters) — The *New York Times* quoted government experts as saying a Soviet test of its largest new land-based missile had failed and perhaps ended in an explosion at the launch site.

# Tears of joy for Royal kiss

From Richard Bassett Vienna

Thousands of cheering Austrians brought traffic to a standstill yesterday when the Prince and Princess of Wales went on an impromptu walkabout along the city's fashionable Graben shopping street on the second day of their official visit to Austria.

British flags flew from all the shops, which were filled with British merchandise and lifelike cardboard cutouts of Irish Guardsmen.

Accompanied by the mayor of Vienna, Herr Helmut Zilk, and his wife, the Royal couple were greeted with shrieks of delight as they stopped to talk to shopkeepers. One young man who kissed the Princess's hand caused some of the older women to weep with joy.

Fran Zilk, who accompanied the Prince of Wales, stopped to tell the crowd that he reminded her of "that Nat King Cole song, 'Teardrops'".

After the brief walkabout, the Princess, dressed in magenta and black, climbed with the Prince and the mayoral couple into a carriage.

An Austrian military band reinforced by the regimental band of the Green Jackets struck up, "God Bless the Prince of Wales".

The appearance of the world's most celebrated royalty in a city full of imperial and royal associations has reminded many Austrians of the advantages of a constitutional monarchy.

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# The cool head of a billion hearts

The Queen's role as head of the Commonwealth makes her titular leader of a billion people across 40 diverse nations, with many internal and external forces vying for supremacy. The fact that she stays above the fray is a modern political miracle, writes Henry Stanhope

Since coming to the throne in 1952 the Queen has lost an empire but discovered a new role. For that she owes a debt to the prime ministers' conference of 1949 and to the political giants who dominated its proceedings - like Attlee, Menzies, Lester Pearson and perhaps most of all Pandit Nehru.

Nehru came to London with a request that his newly-independent republic might remain part of the Commonwealth despite having ended its own allegiance to the Crown. By agreeing to the Delhi application and thereby reverting to the so-called Balfour Formula, which had established the rules for entry 23 years before, the assembled premiers laid the foundations of the modern Commonwealth and ensured that King George VI, his heirs and successors, would preside over an expanding rather than a diminishing organization.

Today it contains 40 countries. Eighteen, including Britain, still acknowledge the Queen as head of state, 26 are republics which do not and the other five (Brunei, Lesotho, Malaysia, Tonga and Swaziland) have monarchs.

Not all were once ruled by this country. Radicals, revolutionaries, democrats, autocrats, capitalists, communists, First World or Third World - the one thing they have in common is membership of this curious British institution. The Queen might be said to play mother to an extended family of around one billion people, spread over more than 10 million square miles of the globe. Some 13 per cent of this country's trade is conducted with its members and between 70 and 75 per cent of its overseas aid finds its way to one part of it or the other. It is therefore of material importance to Britain.

But perhaps its greatest value lies in its East-West, North-South spread at a time when Britain is becoming increasingly enmeshed, militarily, economically and now politically in Europe. It is an organization on which the sun never sets, providing links to parts of the developing world which might realize their potential in the 21st century. As such it is larger and more significant than the French equivalent - an association for the most part of small, under-populated states which France is still able to dominate.

The Queen visits the Commonwealth once or twice a year and, by calling on Belize last Autumn, has now been to all of the 49 states. But the most significant event in the organization's calendar is the Commonwealth heads of government meeting (CHOGOM).

Relations are not always easy. By entering the European Community Britain began to steer a course which could only complicate its links with Commonwealth states. The CHOGOMs have historically been dominated by one or more issues which have found the Commonwealth less united than its progenitors might have hoped.

The most notable recent example was last October's Nassau conference, when Britain found itself virtually isolated by its refusal to impose comprehensive economic sanctions on South Africa. That the Queen manages to remain above all of this is one of the wonders of modern politics. But it is important that she should. If the Commonwealth did not exist not many would seek to invent it, but fewer still would seek to destroy it. There are those who say that if the Queen performed no other function, her position as head of the Commonwealth would make the monarchy seem worth preserving.



For Queen and Commonwealth: Shridath Surendranath (Sonny) Ramphal at Marlborough House, London

Sonny Ramphal, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth for more than 10 years, is one of the Queen's long-standing admirers. At Marlborough House, in the vast sunlit office which was once Queen Mary's drawing room, he spoke to *The Times* this week.

Although the Queen has no political or executive powers over the Commonwealth, she exerts a moral influence and we have come to depend upon her more and more as the years have gone by. She played a very important part for instance at the Commonwealth heads of government meeting in Zambia in 1979 when the Lusaka Accord was signed. That agreement set up the Lancaster House talks on

the future of Rhodesia a month later. Her role was played behind the scenes and was kept very low-key. But she has a way of knocking people's heads together without appearing to do so. And because of the regard in which she is held, she almost seems to defy the political leaders to let her down.

That controversial Christmas television broadcast two years ago in which she appeared with the late Mrs Gandhi was also appreciated because of the emphasis it placed upon world poverty and the disparity between rich and poor - very much a Commonwealth theme. Then again she is a help on a number of issues which, while they do not hit the headlines, are important in Commonwealth terms. A good example

is the issue of overseas students' fees - which have become so high that the number of students coming to this country's universities from other parts of the Commonwealth has been in decline. It really is a very important factor in Commonwealth terms, and she senses that intuitively in a way that ministers don't.

But it's also a subject on which she feels free to have a view and to express it. She is also very conscious of the value of the BBC External Services. I cannot be specific about the way in which she has helped. But on issues like this she can encourage a more sympathetic attitude, without becoming involved in politics. A very good example of where it all might have gone wrong was the CHOGOM last year in Nassau. For the Queen

to remain above it all on a question which had divided Britain from the rest of the Commonwealth (that of economic sanctions against South Africa) might have seemed to imply that she was taking Britain's side against them. In fact that notion did not for one moment obtrude. Not for one moment did anyone suspect that she might enter the arena or do anything else but try to bridge the divides which existed, in the interests of the Commonwealth.

She is a unifying force of great symbolic value, partly because she really does care about the Commonwealth and partly because she knows so much about it. For one thing she has been head of the Commonwealth now for a very long time and has emerged as the senior head of state. Nobody has occupied

his or her position longer, which means that she has grown up alongside a number of other leaders, presidents and prime ministers. A very good example is Julius Nyerere of Tanzania who was a young president when she was a young Queen. Another is Lee Kuan Yew whom she remembers as a young prime minister and is now in the latter days of his career. She has travelled widely round the Commonwealth and knows a great deal about these people and their countries.

She knows them by their first names. She not only calls Nyerere 'Julius' for instance but would refer to him as such when mentioning him to me. She always seems to be happy in the Commonwealth and very relaxed when with us. She never seems to regard her

Commonwealth responsibilities as a chore. Her next big Commonwealth engagement will be the Commonwealth Games at Edinburgh in July. Then she will be with us at the CHOGOM in Canada next year. She usually arrives a day or two before to undertake an official visit to the country where it is being held. Then her stay extends into the conference itself for several more days while she sees all the heads of government.

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She does so in a variety of ways. There is always a dinner and a reception for officials. But more important than anything else she sees each of the heads of government individually. You'll see them getting up and slipping away in the middle of the meeting - Mugabe, Kaunda, Seaga, Lee Kuan Yew, for a private meeting on Britannia or at the Governor-General's house.

However radical or republican they may be they all go, and I have never known anyone who has not highly valued the opportunity. It's very friendly, but it's not small talk. She always knows the political situation in the country, the key issues confronting it and where the shoe is pinching economically. It's a very serious discussion and I have known young prime ministers, meeting her for the first time, emerging amazed by the extent of her knowledge.

I can testify to this myself. I have personal access but use it with discretion. I would obviously go to discuss a forthcoming CHOGOM with her, but might also go along at other times. When things are breaking or brewing between her private secretary and myself there might come a time when he might suggest: 'Perhaps it's time you had a chat with the Queen.'

Whatever the subject I always find that she has worked hard at her briefs and is extremely well informed. Both by virtue of her role and the qualities she brings to it she has become a tremendous asset as a unifying force.

## Breaking away with mixed feelings

Not every former colony welcomes the monarchy with open arms. In some, adulation has turned to apprehension, as our foreign correspondents report

**CANADA**  
The reign of Elizabeth II has witnessed the full flowering of Canadian independence and nationhood. Yet curiously the ties that bind the country to the Crown remain strong. To an extent this is a tribute to the Queen. Commonwealth relations have been a cornerstone of Canadian foreign policy since the war. Through the Commonwealth this country has attained a degree of influence among Third World countries that otherwise would never have been possible. And the monarchy is the visible symbol that holds the Commonwealth together. Despite everything, however, the long-term position of the monarch as Canadian head of state remains obscure. French-speaking Canada feels no particular attachment to the monarchy. When the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visit Canada, as they did in 1984, tour organizers make sure that they avoid

French-speaking Quebec. That way there is no chance of embarrassing demonstrations. Nor does the approximately one third of the population whose ancestral ties are neither British nor French have much attachment to the Queen. Mr Pierre Trudeau, the former prime minister, waged a campaign to make the governor general - the Queen's representative in Canada - this country's de facto head of state. He did this by sending him on "state" visits to foreign countries and by giving some of the instruments of the vice-regal office. In practical terms, the Queen is now head of state only when she is in Canada. At the same time Canada's new constitution, proclaimed by the Queen herself in 1982, is a guarantee against any alterations of the official position of the Crown except by unanimous consent of the Provinces and of both Houses of the Canadian Parliament.

John Best

**ZIMBABWE**  
A six-by-four-foot portrait of the Queen still adorns the wall of the hushed conferences and lobbies outside the entrance to Zimbabwe's Senate. "She's not there because we love the royal family, but because she is the head of the Commonwealth", said a parliamentary official. A similar portrait graced the library of the men-only Harare Club, refuge of the captains of Zimbabwe industry, until 1983. Although no one admits it, it is commonly known that its removal was to save the white establishment from becoming involved in a public row over the extent of its commitment to the independent state of Zimbabwe. She is still regarded by left-leaning political scientists here and by the more zealous among the ruling Zanu (PF) party, as a symbol of colonial oppression. The Queen has not visited this country in her official capacity, although as princess she accompanied her father on a Southern African tour in 1947. But she is still the best-known head of state among Zimbabwe's people and the general popularity of the Royal Family could be seen from the way the Prince of Wales



With Canadian Premier Brian Mulrooney in Ottawa

was mobbed by enthusiastic black teenagers when he arrived here in 1980 to hand over the instruments of power. Feeling runs higher in neighbouring Zambia. In 1979 the Queen had been advised against opening the Commonwealth Conference in Lusaka, while threats of Rhodesian strikes loomed. But she insisted on coming, and thousands of Zambians lined the streets from the airport into town in accord her an emotional welcome - a mark of respect for her decision to ignore the anxieties of her advisers.

**GRENADA**  
The Queen is decidedly less popular in the Caribbean island of Grenada than President Reagan, who has become something of a folk hero. The historic identity with Britain changed abruptly with the American invasion, which Grenadians prefer to call a "liberation", in October 1983. The intervention by the USA and several other Caribbean states, to restore democracy after one Marxist regime had displaced another in a violent coup on Grenada, was the dominating issue at that year's

Jan Raath

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting at Delhi. Britain's coolness towards the operation however, caused immediate anger, which has since given way to a curious incomprehension and, in some, a lingering resentment towards Britain. Almost everybody feels that the United States should now be the guiding force for the future, and that the British connection is, in reality, all but over. Late last year the Queen visited the Spice Island aboard Britannia and opened the newly refurbished parliament building, which had degenerated into little more than a store room during the years of autocracy. Britain symbolically paid for the restoration. And the pomp and ceremony was all extremely British. But the Queen was given what at best can be described as a subdued welcome. Grenadians were clearly demonstrating that they now feel firmly in the American sphere of influence wherein lies the promise of bountiful dollars and, most of all, liberation from the huge unemployment brought upon them by incompetent and corrupt governments.

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

# Baby sings the blues

Meal-time battles and sleepless nights need not be permanent features of bringing up baby, writes Lee Rodwell

If you were to ask parents which areas had caused them most concern in bringing up their children I confidently predict that two things would head the list: sleeping and eating.

I speak as the mother of a 22-month old son who still wakes me regularly at least once in the small hours. My four and a half year old daughter, on the other hand, has slept well from the age of six weeks. But she has been known to sit at the table for an hour, taking mouse-sized mouthfuls of a meal she not only liked the week before but specifically requested again.

Sleeping and eating problems can drive parents to the end of their tether partly because they have one thing in common; by and large it is not the children who have problems over sleeping and eating habits, it is their parents.

When my son's howls drag me from my bed three times in as many hours, he is still full of beans in the morning. I am the one wandering round like a zombie. When my daughter turns her nose up at my home-cooked, additive-free, vitamin-rich and fibre-full offerings, says she's not hungry and then asks for a biscuit half an hour later, she doesn't worry about having a healthy diet or ruining her teeth - I do.

Countless parents like myself, who know the worry, frustration and anger often caused by sleepless nights or meal-time battles, will, no doubt, welcome the publication this month of two books which offer reassurance and constructive advice on both eating and sleeping difficulties.

Dr Richard Ferber set up the Centre for Paediatric Sleep Disorders at the Children's Hospital in Boston in 1979. In his book, confidently titled *Solve Your Child's Sleep Problems*, he says: "The most common problem, far example, sleeplessness in young children, has proved the easiest to treat: even an infant or toddler who has never slept through the night can begin doing so within a few days with the right assistance from parents".

Although Dr Ferber's book deals with a variety of problems - from babies who wake at the crack of dawn ready to start the day, to teenagers who don't fall asleep until the early hours of the morning and then can't get up for school - it is his assertion that parents of young children need no longer face night after night of broken sleep that seems the most revolutionary.

Most of the other books I have read on the subject offer a number of possible solutions to parents' despair: for a good night's sleep, offer cuddles, reducing noise from outside, providing a nightlight, making sure the child doesn't get too hot or too cold. Yet most of them also add the rider that it is quite likely that nothing will work and you will just have to hope the child grows out of the habit of disturbing you at night.

Dr Ferber, on the other hand, takes a more positive approach. He says: "Once you can identify your child's sleep disorder you can work out a way of correcting it. You don't have to wait".

My son has got used to my going in to him, offering a drink and a cuddle



Paula Young

and tucking him up again. Those are the conditions he associates with getting back to sleep in the night - and to solve the problem, says Dr Ferber, I have to change his sleep associations.

Dr Ferber's way of doing this is a variation of the "leave them to cry" theory. The system works like this: when the child starts to cry you don't go in at once, but wait, say two minutes. Then you go to them, but you do not pick them up, offer a drink or do any of the things you would normally do. You leave (whether they are still crying or not, and even if they cry louder once you shut the door).

### 'Cure is harder on the parents than it is on the child'

You wait a little longer before returning if the crying continues, say five minutes more. Then you repeat the brief visit. This time you wait for 10 minutes before going back. You decide on the maximum time you can stand to leave them crying without going in - perhaps 15 minutes - and you continue to return at 15-minute intervals until the child falls asleep. If the crying stops or if it is only mild whimpering you don't go in.

You repeat this pattern the following night, but you increase the intervals between visits by, say, five minutes. It may sound easy, but many parents who have lain rigid in bed listening to howls echoing round the house will tell you it is not. Even Dr Ferber admits that it can be hard - but he insists it is harder on the parents than the child.

"Any time you have to listen to your child cry it is difficult - if it wasn't there would be no reason for children to cry. You do have to go against

instinct a little bit. You see, if you go to your child and rock him or give him a drink it does seem as if you are meeting a need. But once you understand you are teaching him to associate these things with going back to sleep, then there is some rationale behind not doing them. You are not just leaving them to cry - you are letting them learn they can go back to sleep on their own".

Small children who wake up in the night may get enough sleep overall for their needs but it is the parents who suffer the toll of broken nights. But Dr Ferber also believes that parents can't rely on a child - particularly during the toddler years - to get all the sleep it needs. "I know parents whose toddlers sleep only eight hours at night and they say they are fine during the day. But I'd be willing to wager that you could get that sleep up to 10 hours at night, plus a real change in personality to a much happier child who had far fewer tantrums".

Not everyone welcomes Dr Ferber's methods. Dr David Haslam, for instance, a family doctor who has himself written a book, *Sleepless Children*, is chary of any system that seems to offer guarantees of success. He says: "If parents set out upon some particular method or other which doesn't work for them, then they are likely to feel failures on top of everything else".

Dr Haslam's new book, *Eat It Up! A Parent's Guide to Eating Problems* does not promise to turn faddy eaters into trenchermen overnight. But the information and advice he gives should help take the misery out of mealtimes.

He says: "A lot of parents worry that their child 'won't eat a thing'. But if you have a healthy child who is growing normally it can't be fresh air that is doing it".

Dr Haslam is well aware that modern parents worry whether their children eat the right kind of food. His advice is to throw out the charts that list essential vitamins, minerals and so on, stop worrying about whether you are providing enough protein, fat and carbohydrate and simply offer a varied diet.

He says: "If anything, it is not a question of children not getting enough of the essentials, it is of them getting too much of other things - things like fat, sugar and salt".

At the same time he suggests taking a broad viewpoint. "The majority of children - even when going through their faddy phases - still get enough of the essential foodstuffs. Certainly if you look at an individual day, then many children will not get their average daily requirements of many nutrients. But - and this point is essential - taken over a period of time, what a child eats and what he needs are actually remarkably similar. But what about the child who seems happy to snack on crisps or biscuits, but throws a paddy at the very idea of trying a mouthful of greens or chicken? Dr Haslam suggests that parents should work out what they are most worried about - is it nutrition, or a question of discipline, or, perhaps, are they upset by the fact that the child is refusing a meal prepared with love, i.e. rejecting them?"

He says: "I don't feel it is practical to ban sweets and biscuits, but you can limit the supply. Don't buy foods you don't want your children to eat. It's easier to say 'I haven't got any' than 'No, you can't have any'".

He suggests keeping a food diary, which will not only put your mind at rest by showing how much your child actually eats, but will also show you when he is hungry and when there are problems. You can then think about the timing of meals and try to work out a regular routine to keep to.

He also suggests offering smaller helpings. "Children's appetites vary from age to age. You might expect a toddler to eat much more than a younger child, but the two to three year olds naturally eat less, so you should be giving them smaller not longer helpings. If they want more they can always ask for it".

"Remember that children tend to eat in haphazard ways - they are not so likely as adults to want three square meals a day. Toddlers in particular are

### 'Simple advice is the hardest for parents to heed'

better having small meals with snacks in between - particularly if the snack is reasonably nutritious and not too filling. Problems arise if the snack is filling but not nutritious as the next meal will be refused as the child feels full".

Apart from specific tips (don't let your child fill up with orange juice, let him dip his bread in his custard if he wants to) Dr Haslam's main advice boils down to two things: don't nag and don't worry. Simple? Of course it is. But, as any parent knows, it is the simplest advice that is often the hardest to follow.

*Solve Your Child's Sleep Problems. The Complete Practical Guide For Parents by Dr Richard Ferber is published by Dorling Kindersley on April 24 at £5.95 paperback, £8.95 hardback.*

*Eat It Up! A Parent's Guide To Eating Problems by Dr David Haslam is published by Macdonald tomorrow at £8.95.*

# Safe but stylish: designer homes for old hands

Most of Britain's pensioners live in homes built for families but fraught with risks for the old, says Suzanne Greaves



Age aid: Mrs Hamlyn and her mother

The apparently straightforward task of converting her mother's flat into a home more suitable to the needs of an active but not so agile elderly woman, revealed for Helen Hamlyn the safety plight of Britain's 10 million pensioners - 95 per cent of whom live in homes designed for families but fraught with hazards for older occupants.

As the wife of Paul Hamlyn, a director of News International (publishers of *The Times*) and publisher of Octopus Books, it might have been tempting for Mrs Hamlyn to install a companion or nurse and then, free from worry for her mother's safety, pursue her busy life as interior designer and hostess in the three Hamlyn homes.

Instead, angered by the lack of concern shown by manufacturers and shopkeepers for the needs of one-fifth of the population, she scoured Europe and the United States for household appliances and more comfortable furniture, that would enable her mother, octogenarian Mrs Constance Jones, to remain independent.

Her shopping snowballed as friends with parents living alone came to her for advice. They wanted to know where to find clothes with easy fastenings, asked about easily-gripped gardening tools and wanted Mrs Hamlyn to design kitchen and bathroom modifications.

If friends were impressed with Helen Hamlyn's crusading concern and growing knowledge, so was her husband. Instead of whisking her away for a holiday of a lifetime on her 50th birthday recently, he presented her with an elaborate scroll.

On it were written the terms of The Helen Hamlyn Foundation, a tax-exempt charity he had endowed for the development of the physical and social environment in which older people could lead full and useful lives.

"It was the most amazing present", says Mrs Hamlyn. "Shopping with my mother for a non-slip bath, better and nicely designed bathroom safety rails, and buying a cooker with large dials and easily-turned knobs revealed an appalling lack of products. Many that were available looked ugly. Just because age happens to be a certain age, why should you have to put up with purely functional products?"

Someone on their own to fasten a dress. At 80, my mother was popping along to the local pool for diving lessons and motoring around London, so she needed no nursing care. But she did need to live in an environment free of slippery flooring or hazards which result in a broken hip or twisted ankle.

Like anyone else with a problem, Mrs Hamlyn turned to friends for help. In her case they happened to be influential people: international company executives, publishers, architects - and Sir Terence Conran, the chairman of Mothercare/Habitat. Anxious to help and doubtless impressed that retired people currently command a combined disposable income approaching £1,000 million, Sir Terence agreed to head the judges in a design competition organized by The Helen Hamlyn Foundation in association with Age Concern, the Conran Foundation and the Society of Industrial Artists and Designers.

There were 150 entries. All design products to help elderly people stay safe at home, and 16 have been commissioned for further development. Next month the winning project will be exhibited at the Victoria & Albert Museum.

Dr Eric Midwinter, director of the Centre for Policy on Ageing, agrees with Helen Hamlyn that specialist products for the older generation

are stark and scarce. He would like to see well-designed goods advertised on television, pitched to the needs of a generation which spends some £20 billion a year.

Sitting in the calm interior of the Hamlyn's Bauhaus-designed home, the world of the hard-up, immobile pensioner seems far away. But strewn over the coffee table are plans for a flexible kitchen with adjustable shelves and working surfaces to accommodate even wheelchair-bound occupants. Mrs Hamlyn hopes this kitchen will form the basis of a core of specially-designed rooms that can be used by architects of purpose-built flats for elderly people.

"Much of the detail has been road-tested by potential users. It's no good designing something which a younger person may believe is ideal and then discovering it is totally inappropriate for the age group it is meant for", Mrs Hamlyn explains.

British Rail are delighted with the success of their Senior Citizen Rail Cards and Saga Holidays, specialists in travel for the elderly, have no shortage of takers. Small wonder that Helen Hamlyn is convinced we are at the threshold of a new commercial era of pensioner power.

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**Milk of human unkindness**

From F. M. M. Steiner, Reform Club, Pall Mall, London SW1.

Penny Ferrick has for once not done her homework (Monday Page, April 7). Though the proportion of milk delivered to the doorstep is clearly falling, and I do not suppose that the system can last for ever, far more than 50 per cent of the country's milk is still delivered by those milkmen whom Ms Ferrick believes to be extinct. In my north London suburb they deliver the milk - in returnable glass bottles at that - just as much as in my wife's rural Midlands village.

But Ms Ferrick's mistake is more fundamental, in that she clearly assumes that all women have a lifestyle similar to her own. There are still women in careers - I see them on the bus almost every day. There are still women whose "9-5" would regard as "non-working" in the sense that they are not gainfully employed outside the household, and they make up well over 40 per cent of all married women.

Most women, and most men I hasten to add, do not have careers but have jobs and though they may indeed be short of time for baking, many of them still manage to do some. It may be nagging to point out, in reply to what may have been intended as a light-hearted column, that the proportion of pensioners and other retired women is rising sharply and that they at least are more concerned with saving money than time.

What I am really trying to say is that your columnist is no doubt right in complaining that advertisements sometimes paint a non-realistic picture of today's women, but that women in the professions and the media are at least as much at fault in thinking that they and their lifestyle are the norm.

**TALKBACK**

**Nostalgia milked**

From Mr G. A. Goodve, Outwood Common Road, Billericay, Essex.

Having read many columns by Penny Ferrick, I am familiar with her individual style and views. I cannot, however, allow her views go unchallenged.

Contrary to her statement (not, apparently, her opinion), I live in a town full of ordinary people, where milk is delivered to the doorstep in bottles, fish sold from the fishmonger's shop, and cakes are made in thousands of kitchens. I further believe that there are many, many towns in this land where life is similar, where life is real and far from nostalgic.

Her statements, therefore, appear to be narrow-minded and bigoted.

**Realistic advice**

From Susan Rudge, Church View Road, Witney, Oxfordshire.

As the blissfully happy potential adopters of a one-year-old baby boy we thank you for your recent article on the plight of the infertile (Wednesday Page, April 9). Some very valuable points were highlighted. It was stated, quite correctly, that the investigations and treatment are a lengthy procedure; that many of the couples affected are in their mid-30s and that only one in three are successfully treated.

For these reasons, coupled with the shortage of children available for adoption, we respectfully suggest that infertility clinics give a realistic appraisal to couples of the chances of a successful pregnancy ever occurring.

It is so very easy to forfeit the chance of adoption while chasing a biological uncertainty.

The psychological effects of infertility can be overwhelming and yet in our experience (we were treated privately for five years) there were no opportunities for counselling or even discussion groups.

**Outrageous claim**

From Sarah Merrill, Nettlesome, Netley Abbey, Southampton.

I feel as strongly as Heather Kirby (Friday Page, April 4) that it is negligence for anyone to leave young children alone in a house.

But I was astonished and bemused by the article, which I found outrageous in its charges and very contradictory. How could she have chosen to quote Jill Knight's unfounded and unproven claim: "A woman who is prepared to knock a kid off before it is born is liable not to bother that much about one when it is", to back up her argument?

Are they really claiming that all women who have abortions are potential child neglectors. Where is the proof?

At the same time, how could Heather Kirby possibly feel sympathy for those parents who cannot afford babysitters and so, if they want an evening out, use their only option and take a risk?

Is it then not negligence if you are poor to leave your children alone in the house - but potential negligence to have an abortion?

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# THE MISSION TO COME

Mrs Thatcher cannot have much enjoyed the early hours of yesterday morning. Soon after midnight came the biggest Commons revolt of this parliament and a defeat on a major plank of her programme to remove the random hand of the bureaucrat from British economic life. Then no sooner had Tory backbenchers gunned down the Shops Bill than the bombs and guns of US F111 warplanes were in rather more serious action against the cities of Libya. The first of these unconnected events would, as she knew well, bring the charge that she had failed to exert control over her party; the second, that she had equally failed to influence actions carried out from British soil by President Reagan. And so, in the Commons later in the day, those charges duly came.

Mrs Thatcher dealt determinedly with both — helped by the by-now predictably inept performance by the Labour leader Mr Kinnock. But her success was not without some uncomfortable moments. Although she was presenting a powerful case, it sometimes seemed as though she were presenting a rather weak one. It remains a remarkable fact about British political life in 1986 that a Conservative Prime Minister has to struggle so hard to defend an ally's use of its own aircraft and its own pilots to attack a common enemy of western civilisation.

The justification for the US raid ought not to have been in doubt. Mr Gaddafi runs a terrorist state. He uses the apparatus of that state to attack individual citizens of the Western alliance. He reserves special spite for the murder and attempted murder of Americans who are in his gun sights only because they are working away from home to protect Western freedoms. The US right to retaliate should be easily understood. Indeed although the specific type of threat which Gaddafi poses was little considered by the authors of the UN charter, it can be properly justified according to that charter's terms.

And yet Mrs Thatcher was on the defensive over the exact number of ministers she consulted, over the extent of consultations with European leaders (whose locus in the matter was weak in the first instance and whose poor record of anti-terrorism scarcely brought them greater strength) and her subservience to Mr Reagan's whim.

Today's debate on the

## MEANWHILE ON THE HIGH STREET

On Monday night an expedition wrecked a sensible scheme for weekend retailing. The party of collectivism took upon itself, characteristically, the interests of producer groups. The party of the middle way abjured the majority of Britons who are consumers. The Ulster Unionists pursued their politics of vendetta, for all the world like those nineteenth century Irish nationalists who attempted to destroy the well-being of the kingdom for the sake of their separatism. And for the rest, the Conservative sabbatarians, this was a victory of whitened sepulchres, public Christians who put formality of observance before all, policy irrationalists who would sooner see anachronism persist than fairness meted out to shopkeepers, consumers and all those sincerely religious people, Christian and non-Christian, who would ask merely to be allowed to make a personal choice about how they spend their time on Sunday.

In the debate hypocrisy abounded. Spokesmen for the Labour Party, bloodthirsty antagonists of capitalist enterprise during the week, turned friends of small business accumulation on a weekend. Jews, brought up in households which managed with full rigour to observe their holy day on a conventional Christian work day, suddenly turned apologists for the misshapen puritan Sunday. Economic liberals, staunch opponents of the State's interference in markets, cried out for big government to protect people against themselves, conscience and self-interest being insufficient. It is easy to blame the Government's business man-

American action may, it is to be hoped, be more distinguished than yesterday's. It is noteworthy, for example, that those MPs who were most exercised about the number of civilian casualties were also those who would have refused the right of the US to use its more accurate F111 jets and force them to use instead only the less appropriate and less precise aircraft that were available on the aircraft carriers of the Sixth Fleet. Under Mr Benn's guidance, the regrettable civilian casualties in Tripoli would undoubtedly have been very much greater.

Mrs Thatcher's difficulties did not, of course, stem directly from her Commons defeat the night before. But it must be clearer now than it has ever been just how great a degree of political force is required to win an argument that should have been buttoned up years ago but which has been left hanging loose by the same mixture of fear and false premises that were displayed in the Commons yesterday.

First of all there is the curious idea that foreign affairs can somehow be managed without risk. It was almost possible to hear the sharp intaking of breath when Mrs Thatcher mentioned the "risk" of the action in the Commons yesterday. In the nuclear age we have become used to recognising risks, even on occasions facing up to them. But as to taking risks, the answer is no.

The greatest threat to Western freedoms may be the Soviet Union but that does not make the USSR the only threat. The growth of terrorist states must be curbed while it still can be curbed. The risks of extension of the conflict must be minimised. And in this case, it would appear that it has been.

The second fallacy is that the United States is not merely our big brother and our defender but our twin-brother and spiritual soul-mate, that its motivations and impulses are not merely directed in our interests but mutually held between us. American nationalism is a necessary fuel of America's world leadership. With it may come an exhibition of pride, anger and moral fervour which is not to European tastes. Such sentiments have rescued Europe in the past and will be needed to do so again. European political opinion has to take account of this force. For years it has preferred to ignore it.

Britain is, of course, in many

respects, the least offender in this regard. But it also has one of the greatest problems. It is now in the process of acquiring the latest in a series of independent nuclear deterrents, none of which has been quite as independent as British politicians have often liked to pretend. In the past a cosy relationship between the military establishment and the opposing political parties has ensured that the truth about the role of Britain's bomb has been politely obscured. As Mr John Barry explained in his recent television documentary on the issue, this option is no longer available. Trident needs to be explained to the British public for what it really is, something imperfect, not necessarily the weapon we would have chosen if we were starting from scratch, but the best weapon on offer. One can choose one's friends in one's own image and to one's precise individual preference. One does not have that luxury with super-power allies and nuclear deterrents.

There are many reasons why Britain needs Mrs Thatcher to be the strong leader of a strong and united party but the need to communicate an unambiguous sense of the military relation between this country and the United States is arguably the most important task that remains to her. Beside this need, all else must pale. And indeed, she must be well aware that in the perilous shallows of Westland and BL where she has spent so much of this year so far, public suspicion of US intentions has always been just below the surface. The big failure has been pushing ahead the small failures.

Mrs Thatcher's instincts are undoubtedly to be more onest on this issue than any of her recent predecessors. If she seemed occasionally hesitant yesterday, it is because, while the private mind may be clear, the public script is only sketchily inked in on the political page. She was ill-advised, for example, to say that it was "inconceivable" that permission for the Americans to use the bases would be denied. It is an important component of the relation between Great Britain and the United States that the one partner can conceive of denying the other. Officials with first-hand experience of the Prime Minister's conversations with Mr Reagan laugh off the "President's puddle" charge as absurd. But it has to be seen to be absurd. And, through little fault of Mrs Thatcher's, that requires a major mission and a considerable struggle ahead.

ministers to sit and wait for popular discontent to well up, at least in sufficient volume to drown out the shrill tone of the lobbies that were so energetically mobilized over the Shops Bill. It surely will.

Meanwhile the failure of this bill, one so central to the Government's ambition of modernizing the British economy, gives rise to reflection. One concerns the relationship of the Church of England and the State. For the bishops to align themselves with faction, as they have on more than one recent occasion, makes problematic the Establishment of the Church. A Conservative government, possibly one refreshed and renewed, would do well to think seriously about the future of the Church's constitutional position, and it would be thanked by the more open-minded clerics for doing so.

Another line of thought concerns the strength of the forces opposed to modernization in Britain. The vote the other night cut across the parties, showed how wide conservatism (small c) is distributed. Pundits may be right in concluding that no lasting damage was done to the Conservative Party's unity or ability to function as the governing party. But a more serious division within the nation was exposed, not for the first time — and would have been more clearly visible if such Labour MPs as Mr Austin Mitchell, who espoused the purposes of the Shops Bill but had not the courage to follow through, had voted their consciences. It is a division between ancients and moderns. The ancients are in the ascendant.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Fair treatment in shipbuilding

From the Chairman of Yarrow Shipbuilders Ltd  
Sir, To date Yarrow Shipbuilders has not publicly entered the debate as to which shipyard consortium may win the auxiliary oiler replenishment (AOR) order. Now, however, there appears a danger that the MOD competitive tendering policy may be discarded in favour of other less important criteria which have been promoted by the noisy rhetoric of our competitors.

The competitive tendering rules which have prevailed over the last 18 months of tendering effort must be adhered to if the MOD is to obtain value for money and the best design package. The facts behind Yarrow's participation are:

1. We are a key member in the Harland & Wolff consortium and will handle about one third of the bid value from Scotland. This is similar to the residual value which would reside with the lead contractor — in our case Harland & Wolff.
2. We, like Swan Hunter, have recently been "privatised" from British Shipbuilders. Why, on this basis, has Yarrow not received the same attention as Swan Hunter, when we, too, are competing as a private company?
3. We are confident that we have brought a competitive and technical edge to the Harland & Wolff bid, based on our unquestioned lead in warship design expertise, and have sought no favours.
4. We should not be disadvantaged, as a recently privatised company, in tendering to a public-sector company (the mixed economy still exists in the UK). During the last 18 months we, like Harland & Wolff, believed in good faith that the winner would be determined by the criteria: Who produced the best design package? Who produced the best value for money?

Major UK defence contractors are now monitoring this first major test case of design and build competition for a major naval project under the Government's competitive procurement policy. It is unthinkable that other issues should now be allowed to influence the outcome. If they were this would totally undermine the undoubted progress being made by the procurement executive in its continuing efforts to achieve value for money for the MOD.

From the point of view of cost, to split the order is not a practical proposition as it must inevitably involve a considerable uplift in price to the MOD.  
Yours faithfully,  
R. W. S. EASTON,  
Chairman and Managing Director,  
Yarrow Shipbuilders Ltd,  
South Street,  
Scotstoun,  
Glasgow,  
April 11.

## Prisons dispute

From the Secretary of the Association of Prison Dental Surgeons  
Sir, I should like to say, on behalf of my members, that we do not find a problem with what Mr Eric Caines, the Prison Department's director of finance and personnel, has termed "the restrictive practices" of prison officers. My members find that often the only reason they are able to continue to treat patients, with the present chronic shortage of prison staff, is due to the flexible attitude of the prison officers.

It is often forgotten that many of the improvements in conditions that have come about in recent years, within prisons, have arisen not from the Prison Department but due to pressure from the Prison Officers Association. Inmates are, however, being denied dental treatment where staffing problems are acute, and due to the cash limits that have also been imposed. We in the association are concerned that before too long an inmate might consider it necessary to take the Home Office to court for this basic denial of human rights.  
Yours faithfully,  
T. R. BAMBER, Secretary,  
Association of Prison Dental Surgeons,  
Herald House,  
Throley Way,  
Sutton,  
Surrey,  
April 15.

## Sign of grief

From Mr C.T.G. Blackmore  
Sir, Can any of your readers give an authoritative description of how and explanation of why a flag is flown at half mast? For very many years I have understood that a flag at half mast should be one flag's breadth below the truck — thereby bringing the flag of death to fly above it. Various manufacturers of flag poles endorse the former but have no knowledge of the latter.

The Royal Navy state that at half mast the top of the flag should be half way up the pole or mast. They offer no explanation as to why.  
The National Maritime Museum suggests one third of the mast's height from the truck is the correct position and has some evidence that the position is related to the practice of a captor flying his flag above that of a captured vessel.  
Is there a single correct answer?  
Yours truly,  
C.T.G. BLACKMORE,  
1 King's Cross,  
Elephant Lane,  
Rutherford, SE18,  
April 2.

## Making the best of marriage

From Mrs J. Bolingbroke  
Sir, Mr George Brown (April 1) is correct to note political, social and religious implications in the rising divorce rate, but he may be mistaken in claiming that this rise is the cause of State decay.

I suggest two quite different factors which preceded the Divorce Reform Act of 1969. The formation of the welfare state in 1948 and the wide availability of contraceptive pills from 1960 onwards have together tended to alter the general view of marriage as a continuing way of life. For a woman, having a family is now a conscious decision and, for a man who tires of family life, he is secure in the knowledge that the State will pick up the pieces if he opts out.

Marriage is now something extra nice, like private education or private health care. You have it if you can afford it, over and above what you must pay for State education and the National Health Service.

In the past Church and State established systems which the majority accepted because there was no acceptable alternative. Church and State were regulating the way people lived their lives and the Church carried out its ceremonies for the major events of birth, marriage and death. The State reluctantly allowed a small measure of divorce.  
State decay will not be halted by amending the Divorce Reform Act of 1969 or repealing the Matrimonial Causes Act of 1973. It really needs a complete change of heart by people themselves, but my suggestion, to start the ball rolling, is State prizes for partners in enduring marriages.  
Yours faithfully,  
J. BOLINGBROKE,  
64 Furzehill Road,  
Plymouth,  
Devon,  
April 2.

## Polytechnic places

From the Rector of Sunderland Polytechnic  
Sir, Sir Keith Joseph's erudite explanation (April 9) of how he views the proposed cuts in polytechnic student places does, I'm afraid, miss the point.  
It illustrates once again the Government's lack of understanding of the impact its policies, whether final or only proposed, could have on the actual people to whom the policies apply: in this case the sixth formers applying this year for places in 1987-88.

The Sir Keith is quite right to point out that the proposal by NAB (National Advisory Body) to cut 9,500 places in public-sector higher education from 1987-88 (equivalent to approximately 60 average-sized comprehensive sixth forms) will cause a degree of

alarm among students and parents. The mere stating of the proposal, implying there is the possibility of its being implemented, is what has caused the alarm, not the media coverage.

Could the NAB or Sir Keith please advise me and my fellow directors what we are to say to students (and their parents) applying this September for places on courses that might not exist when they come to take them up in 1987? Unlike the recent university cutbacks, when polytechnics took these unable to get places in universities, there are no such bolt-holes this time.  
Yours faithfully,  
E. P. HART, Rector,  
Sunderland Polytechnic,  
Langham Tower,  
Ryhope Road,  
Sunderland,  
Tyne and Wear,  
April 10.

## Ordination of women

From Chancellor E. Garth Moore  
Sir, Before your correspondent, the Revd Henry Pearson, again attacks the Bishop of London for liberalism (April 5) he would do well to learn some canon law. The Bishop is quite right to interpret the 39 Articles "in a completely literalistic way", for that is precisely what we are told to do in their preface, headed "His Majesty's Declaration", where we are enjoined to take them "in the literal and grammatical sense".  
So taken, Article XXVIII, which your correspondent cites, is clearly right. It is not, by *Christ's ordinance*, that the sacrament is reserved, lifted up or worshipped.

But, because our Lord did not command such practices, it does not mean that they are condemned. Indeed, were the sacrament never carried about, it could never be received by the faithful.  
As a priest and as a lawyer I have experienced very little difficulty in my acceptance of the 39 Articles. That is because, as a canonist, I have learnt how to interpret them. Would that other clerics would also learn some canon law, wherein so much of their theology is enshrined!  
Your obedient servant,  
E. GARTH MOORE,  
Corpus Christi College,  
Cambridge,  
April 6.

## Connors suspension

From the Chairman of the All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club Wimbledon  
Sir, I have for long enjoyed Mr Rex Bellamy's reports and opinions, but I am sorry to say that I have to disagree with his criticism (report, April 10) of the Lawn Tennis Association for requesting Beckenham not to invite Mr Jimmy Connors to their Centenary Tournament.  
It is one thing to be prepared to disagree with the Men's International Professional Tennis Council, but quite another to go against their action in disciplining a player for even further damaging the image of the game.  
I was present at Boca West in the Lipton International and thought it was essential for the MIPTC to penalise a player who refused to continue a semi-final because he disagreed with a line call.  
This is not a question of subservience to a totalitarian body, it is a demonstration of support for that blatant flouting of the rules will not be condoned. Mr Bellamy says that the LTA cannot

emerge from "this Beckenham mess" smelling of roses. To invite a player to enter their tournament before his suspension period had expired would surely have smelt a great deal worse.  
Yours sincerely,  
R. E. H. HADINGHAM,  
Chairman.  
The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club Wimbledon,  
Church Road,  
Wimbledon, SW19,  
April 10.

women have been urged to feel ashamed of being mothers and home-makers, especially if they wished to do this more carefully and better by being at home. Working away from home is considered to be a better way to personal fulfilment.

As our sense of responsibility for home and children diminishes we naturally take less care to protect them from abuse. Now we are faced with a large increase in sexual abuse of children in their homes. How naive we are when we talk about *watching* small children about dangers of this kind!

The natural unself-conscious watchfulness of a mother or other responsible female at home will keep this danger at bay, while ensuring a happy and disciplined home life which will inculcate a proper judgement of character in the children and suspicion of what is improper. But this knowledge will come in time as they grow up and cannot be taught to little children by telling them or warning them. They need protection, not teaching.

It must be added that the idea so widely held that looking after children is boring and home life is drudgery is quite false. Nothing can be more varied and interesting.  
Yours faithfully,  
LORNA LANG BROWN,  
Flat 1,  
Seely's Hospital,  
Bristol, Somerset,  
April 3.

From the Reverend David Hugh Rye  
Sir, There is something that can be done about there being so many divorces — delay marriages. The divorce rate among teenage brides is twice as high as for those aged 20-24 and four times as high as for those aged 25-29.  
Why not raise the minimum age? It is clearly too low in any case, and it would be perfectly reasonable for society to ask those intending to be married to be, let us say, 19 years of age.  
Further, you can now get married, if you have residential qualifications, within 48 hours of applying at a register office. While there could be exceptions, granted only by a magistratic society would justifiably require that marriages be preceded by civil registration and a definite period of engagement of so many months. One of the reasons for the high rate of marriage breakdown is that our laws *invite it*.  
Yours faithfully,  
DAVID HUGH REES,  
The Vicarage,  
Mildon,  
Preston,  
Lancs.,  
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## Miles shorter

From Mr Bernard Kankas  
Sir, One is fairly certain that Virgin Atlantic are mightily relieved that they are not obliged to operate over a complex fixed infrastructure between here and New York, which they must constantly renew and maintain.  
b) they are not obliged to operate a continuous high frequency shuttle service, with their aircraft running half empty for most of the time.  
c) Mr C. Woolcott (April 8) may possibly accept this as an explanation why the air fare works out at 3.73p per mile compared with 13.85p for British Rail.

# ON THIS DAY

APRIL 16 1896  
The Chinese-Japanese war arose from each nation's claim for supremacy in Korea. The conflict was short, beginning in August 1894 and ending with the predicted defeat of China in April 1895, one for which no blame could be levelled at Admiral Ting.

## ADMIRAL TING AT BAY

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT) TOKIO, MARCH 1.  
The surrender of the Chinese fleet and of the remaining forts at Wei-hai-wei constituted the most striking scene in the drama of the war. Several days before the event, Vice-Admiral Ito, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese naval squadrons, had addressed a letter to Admiral Ting, who held a correspondence position on the Chinese side. The two men were intimate friends. They had often come together before the war, and each had been attracted to the other by qualities of *bonhomie* and professional zeal which both had in common. Ito, therefore, in addressing Ting by letter while the fleets were waiting to destroy each other, divested himself entirely of his public capacity and spoke simply as a friend.

The gist of the letter was to advise that Ting should abandon a doomed cause and take refuge in Japan until the termination of the war. Naturally, the question of Ting's personal safety was kept out of sight. Admiral Ito based his advice solely on patriotic motives.

The great question that you have now to determine is whether you will throw in your lot with a country that you see falling to its knees, or whether you will preserve the strength that remains to you and evolve another plan hereafter.

Admiral Ito did not add to his reputation by this letter. The ethics it advocates have never been those adopted by brave and loyal men in any age. Ting's duty was in the real present, not in a hypothetical future. He had to serve his country such as it was, not to wait to serve it such as it might be to save the fleet actually entrusted to his command, not to save himself in the vague hope of commanding a better fleet hereafter. He adopted the only dignified course under the circumstances by leaving the letter unnoted.

Three things were essential to the success of his [Ting's] plan — first, that every fort evacuated by the Chinese should be previously dismantled, otherwise its guns might be used against the Chinese ships; secondly, that in the event of the capture of the eastern forts the garrisons of the western should still hold their ground, trusting to the fleet to defend the approaches to their position; and, thirdly, that the Japanese should not obtain destructive access to the ships inside the Bay. All these contingencies were based on false assumptions; the two first on the hypothesis that Chinese troops at Wei-hai-wei would fight with courage and coolness such as they had never previously displayed; the third on the supposition that Japanese pluck and daring would fall short of the standard hitherto attained by them. Ting's project was therefore doomed from the outset to disappointment.

The defenders of the western forts, not waiting to be attacked, took advantage of a friendly snow-storm and fled. Notwithstanding the presence of any immediate peril, they could have effectually dismantled the forts before evacuating them. They did not do so, however, and the miserable profligacy of their neglect is beyond censure, for had the armament of these forts fallen into Japanese hands in a serviceable condition, not only the insular defences but also the fleet itself would have been brought under the muzzles of powerful artillery at fatally close ranges. Fortunately for himself, Admiral Ting obtained timely information of this disgraceful flight. He landed a party of marines, dismantled the forts, and destroyed a fleet of junka that might have served to transport an assaulting party against the island of Mianwhai. General Tai, the Commander-in-Chief of the land forces, effected his escape to Linking Island. Admiral Ting was a bluff man. Originally a pirate, he possessed the faculty of conveying his meaning forcibly. What he said to Tai restored that fugitive's conception of manhood. With the Admiral's reproaches ringing in his ears, he restored to the Chinaman's final retreat from trouble or disaster — a fatal dose of opium.

His example was followed by his second in command, Commodore Liu, and by the officer commanding the Linking garrison, General Chang — Admiral Ito restored one of the captured med-of-war in order that the bodies of the three officers might be carried home in due state, and as the vessel steamed out of Wei-hai-wei every Japanese ship manned its yards and fired a salute to the memory of China's best soldier.

As for the virtues of privatisation, has Mr Woolcott looked into the economics of taking a taxi from Victoria to Gatwick?  
Yours truly,  
BERNARD KANKAS,  
131, Wood Road, Ealing, W5.

## No punches pulled

From Mr R. Brain  
Sir, The *Battered Bride* (poor graphic caption, April 14) — *opere buffa*?  
Yours faithfully,  
R. BRAIN,  
4 Bradmore, Galworthy Road,  
Kingsnorton upon Thames, Surrey,  
April 14.



A SPECIAL REPORT ON ITALIAN REGIONS/1

Divided by region, united by loyalty

Italy is something of a constitutional hybrid. The state has been decentralized, but not to the point of making the country a federation. And this despite the fact that regional loyalties remain very strong.

After 15 years of experimenting with a particular brand of regionalism, some Italians admit with relief that the worst fears expressed at the time it was launched have not been justified. Others are convinced that potentially it remains an example of advanced constitutional thinking to be followed elsewhere in Europe.

From the beginning of the process of uniting the country in the mid-19th century, there was a current which saw the best framework for the new nation in terms of a decentralized state. Shortly before he died, Cavour himself had set up a commission which had the task of proposing legislation to provide a new administrative basis for the young state. The three elements foreseen were those that exist today: the municipality, the province and the region.

Partly because of Cavour's early death, the idea of devising an administrative framework suitable for the newly united country went into abeyance and the structure already established in Piedmont, the state around which Italy was unified, was applied to the whole country.

The idea of regionalism was not dead, however, though it made little practical progress and was kept strictly in the background during the Fascist period because Mussolini's view of the state was that it should be united and strong.

Hence it was only logical that after the war the republic constitution should have introduced regionalism into Italian life. However, the politicians kept the country waiting nearly a quarter of a

century before approving the necessary legislation for applying what the republic's founding fathers required. The condition of a constitutional hybridism was not just that Italy was a cross between a federal and a centralized system but also how far the semi-autonomy permitted by the constitution was politically expedient.

The Christian Democrats were on the whole in favour of establishing the regions but, after a massive electoral victory in 1948 which gave them an overall majority, their enthusiasm waned. There appeared to be little point in subdividing the country into regions which would have been partly controlled by the opposition. Their political interests were better served by forgetting what the Constitution laid down. It was not until the Socialists entered the coalition with the Christian Democrats in the early 1960s that the matter was seriously raised again. The exceptions to this rule were the five special regions whose claims to a wide degree of autonomy were seen to require urgent treatment. These were, first, Sicily, Sardinia and the Valle d'Aosta, all of which received their status of semi-autonomous regions even before the Constitution came into force in January 1948. They were followed in 1948 by Trentino-Alto Adige and in 1963 by Friuli-Venezia Giulia. All these areas had particular problems of minorities or a strong autonomous tradition (reaching the level of sporadic outbreaks of separatist feeling in the two islands).

There is a distinction between these five special re-

gions and the remaining 15. The five have more autonomy, in keeping with their greater divergence from the common run of regions. The 15 ordinary regions had to wait much longer for legislation, first to establish them and then to devolve power to them. The debate introducing this legislation was the longest in the republic's history. It was not until 1971 that this basic aspect of the Constitution was finally honoured.

Another form of hybridism only too quickly showed itself, that is the difference in social outlook and democratic political development between North and South. There have been changes in the meantime but not fundamental ones.

Apulia, for instance, has made progress as a result of successful economic initiatives which distinguish the Adriatic coast of Italy from the Tyrrhenian.

Sicily has learnt to live more successfully between its own legislative assembly and administration in Palermo and the central government. Sardinia looks much less well disposed towards Rome now than it did a decade ago. This is in great part due to the collapse of the new industries installed there and largely based on petrochemicals.

The marked difference between North and South re-emerged dramatically last month when there were demonstrations and roadblocks in the South and processions of southern administrators through the streets of Rome following application of a law permitting owners of buildings constructed without a licence to have them registered with the local municipal

offices if fines were paid. The size of these would depend on the extent of the illegal building and when it was carried out.

The demonstrators argued that southerners should not have to pay the fines, nor should have them substantially reduced, because in many parts of the South any building was illegal, due to the fact that the municipalities had no town planning regulations. The point was most clearly made by one Sicilian town where the percentage of unlicensed building was said to have reached 100.

The protesters had a point but they could have been accused of having left their protest too late. They should have made their difficulties known in the normal course of the debates on this measure in the national parliament and in the regional assembly. One answer to that perhaps naive assumption is that in the Italian gamut of municipalities, provinces and regions, it is frequently the mayor who is most in contact with public opinion, certainly not the province, nor, as yet, the representatives of the regions. The fundamental point, and a bitter one, was that national legislation accepted by the North could not be applied in the same way in the South.

There were originally two principal aims of regionalism. The first was to cut down the oppressive weight of the cumbersome central bureaucracy. The object was to decentralize and reform what remained of the central civil service.

The second aim was to help release the energies which Italians derive from an awareness of local loyalties. Local patriotism, despite all the great social changes in Italy and the long series of migrations from countryside to town and from South to North, remains strong.



Differences that block the path to progress in a nation that strives to be together

The regions were the last-born of Italy's administrative institutions and, appropriately enough, the Minister for the Regions, Carlo Vizzini, a Social Democrat from Palermo, is, at 38, by far the youngest minister in the present government.

Although not at all starry-eyed about the present state of regionalism, he avoids being led into making comparisons in performance between one region and another.

The history of the regions is diverse, he says. In particular, the south still suffers from the same differences between it and the north which were present when the regions were set up by law. Apart from the greater social and economic problems in the south, there is "a much more intense level of quarrelsomeness" among southern regional politicians and this brings with it a kind of administrative paralysis.

Signor Vizzini sees some of the obstacles to regional development in the circumstances of the regions' birth. Even those in favour of the regions differed among themselves as to what their function should be. The constitution lays down their fields of activity: agriculture, town planning, tourism, communications, hospitals and health services, local police forces and professional training -- but there is room for differing interpretations as to whether the region should be regarded primarily as a political or a social and economic institution.

The timing of their formal birth was unfortunate in yet another way. It coincided with the comparatively brief period in Italian affairs when national economic planning was fashionable. The concept went well with the idea of regional-

then the purpose is to exploit it. That would be the general view of the country towards its administrative framework.

A more substantial reason as to why the regions have taken longer to settle down is that they were established too late. Had they come into existence 10 years earlier, their developing years would have coincided with the period of economic expansion instead of recession.

They had a hard birth but new ideas are emerging which should improve their functioning and broaden their role within the constitution.

Peter Nichols

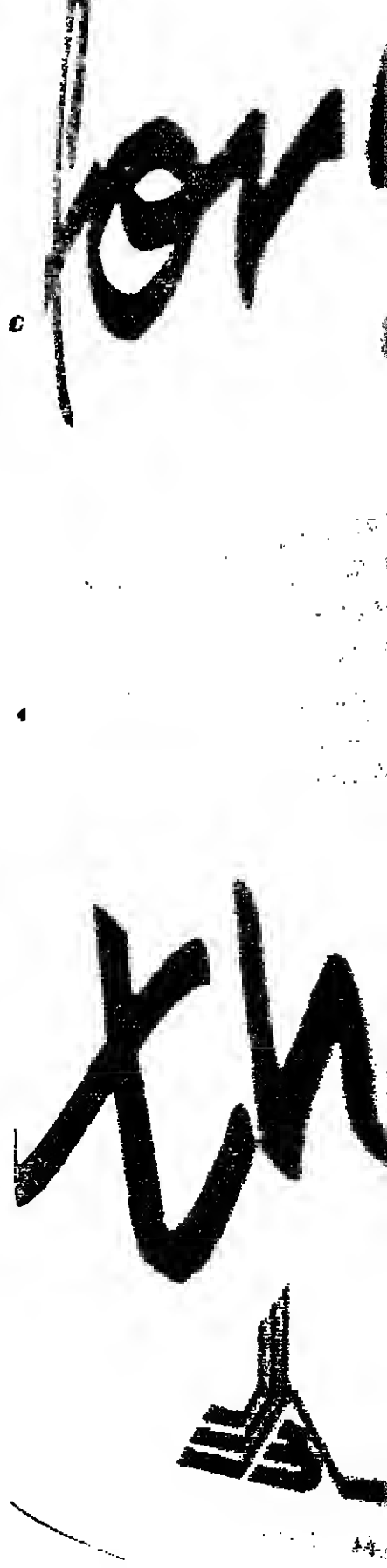
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Advertisement for Sardinian products. It features a circular logo with a white silhouette of Sardinia on a dark background. Below the logo, the text reads: 'Under this label there is always something good.' There is an image of various Sardinian food products like olives, cheese, and honey. The text continues: 'Citrus fruit sweet and sour, like the land of Sardinia. Olive oil as genuine as Sardinia is, and tasty olives, matured in the Sardinia air. And grapes: sincere and frank, full of sunshine as the wines are... and so many other products, generous like Sardinia, expressing Sardinia and with Sardinia's inimitable taste, like the cheese, the tomatoes, honey and artichokes. From today it will be easy to recognise them: the white Sardinia on a red background label will set them apart from the rest.' At the bottom, it says 'Sardinian foods. Naturally good.' and provides contact information for the Regione Autonoma della Sardegna.

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Handwritten text in a box: 'Sardinia is the best'.





FOCUS

The organized route to good communications

Clearly, one of the national responsibilities is an effective transport network. Claudio Signorile, the Minister for Transport, has just published a plan for the next decades which was devised in consultation with regional leaders.

The existing transport system is forced to cope with demands in a chaotic and disorganised way. During the next few years it will be necessary to develop a highly co-ordinated and more selective structure. The railway network will have to be trimmed down and made more efficient. A modernized and efficient port system will consist of seven main ports.

The aeroplane will replace the train as a means of long distance transport, but Alitalia will lose its monopoly on internal flights in Italy. This will leave space for some smaller companies.

At present five ministries and 16 different institutions and administrative bodies are involved in the transport sector. The transport plan proposes to do away with this fragmentation, which often results in waste and inefficiency. Instead a single programming, controlling and administrative centre will be set up. For this purpose the CIPEI (Interministerial Committee for Transport Programming) will be created.

It is estimated that the demand for transport services will increase by 45 per cent during the next 15 years. It is therefore necessary to rationalize and improve the system. Experts have established the existence of six main routes they call "multi-usage corridors", along which most national and international traffic flows. They cross Italy from north to south along the coasts and from west to east in the centre-north regions. There are also plans for new routes to cross the country to the south.

The existing network will have to be improved and traffic flow made easier by separating freight from passenger transport. According to the authors of the plan, it will be necessary to expand railway links between large and medium-sized cities located not more than 300 km (190 miles) from each other. Long-

distance connections (over 700 km) will be eliminated. Milan and Rome, Turin and Venice, Rome and Bari will be connected by fast non-stop (the so-called "Intercity") trains.

Signor Signorile has also proposed to extend the so-called "Diretissima" express line between Milan and Rome to Naples. To make this possible, it will be necessary to concentrate investment on only a part of the railway network.

With regard to motorways, the present system is sufficient. All that will be necessary is the completion of already scheduled works, such as the stretch between Livorno and Civitavecchia, and the widening of the stretch of the Autostrada del Sole through the Apennines.

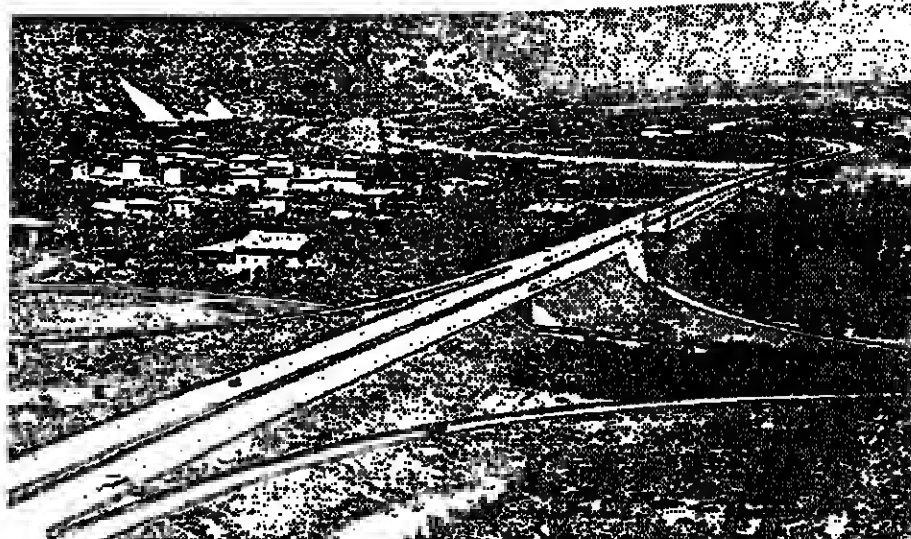
Action on ports will have to be much more radical. According to the plan, the 146 existing ports will be reclassified in seven port systems. These will be fitted into a complex consisting of sea-ways, roads, railways and river systems.

In the field of air transport, state-owned Alitalia will re-

main the principal company. However, smaller private companies have been allowed to enter the market to service less frequently travelled routes.

Another important point concerns the speeding up of customs procedures, fundamental for a modern transport system. Today, lorries transporting goods are obliged to stop for up to four or five hours at border crossings. These delays cause a loss to the Italian economy estimated at some 700 billion lire (£280 million). According to existing European conventions, the waiting time at border crossings should not be more than 10-15 minutes.

The jewel in the crown of Signor Signorile's plan is the proposed bridge over the Straits of Messina. The 3.3 kilometre (2.06 mile) single-span suspension bridge would be the longest of its kind in the world (more than twice the length of the Humber Bridge). It would stand 80 metres above the water and would be held in place by two 400 metre high towers. The bridge would carry trains running along two tracks between a six-lane high-



Graceful and functional: The Brenner autostrada in northern Italy

way. It is estimated that it will cost about 5,000 billion lire (£2 billion) and that construction will take between eight and ten years. Signor Signorile expects work to begin in 1988.

At present trains between Rome and Palermo must interrupt their journey while the rolling-stock is loaded onto state-owned ferries. The crossing between the mainland and Sicily takes only 15 minutes, but loading and unloading operations take over an hour. People, cars and lorries are carried across by private ferries.

The Straits of Messina, only 3.3 kilometres wide at its narrowest point, is swept by

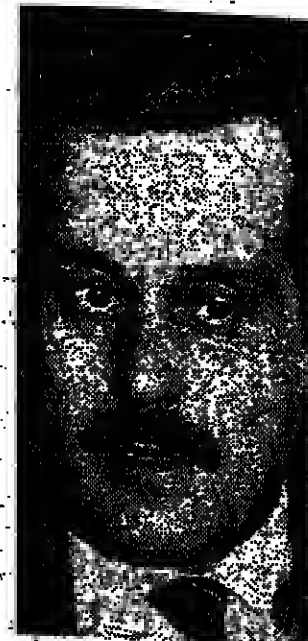
winds that frequently reach 100 kilometres an hour. Engineers say that the bridge would be able to withstand winds up to 200 kilometres per hour. The Straits lie in one of the most earthquake-prone areas in the world, with a fault passing right in the middle. The bridge would have to withstand a tremor higher than 7.5 on the Richter scale.

Critics are sceptical that the bridge will ever be built. They say that it would be a waste of money and of resources better employed elsewhere. Some point out that the South is dotted with what are called "cathedrals in the desert". A

good example lies only 32 km north of where the bridge would be located, at Gioia Tauro on the mainland. There, the state built a port that cost billions of lire, but was never opened.

Signor Signorile insists the bridge will be built. He points out that it is only the most visible part of a vast investment plan that would bring immense economic advantages. The plan will also provide the means to reduce the Mezzogiorno's chronic unemployment, which is running at double the national average.

Wolfgang Achtner



Vizzini: "With decentralization, Italy missed a chance to overhaul the apparatus of the state - there were no changes at the centre"

ism because it would have imposed a national pattern on economic development while allowing the regions their share in shaping policy. The partnership looked admirable, but planning made very little impression and the early attempts at producing plans were soon discarded as "books of dreams".

Signor Vizzini sees an opportunity missed in the failure to use regionalism as a means of overhauling the whole apparatus of the state. "The regions were born as instruments of decentralization but there were no changes at the centre and so duplication resulted. Some offices were left intact which no longer served any purpose and should have been abolished. They should have rethought the state in terms of relations between the central authority, the regions, provinces and municipalities. They even left the provinces and the municipalities under the Ministry of the Interior while setting up a separate ministry for the regions."

"Hence it is essential that the two ministers should have a good working relationship if local government is to work smoothly. A single ministry supervising all forms of local government would work better and cost less."

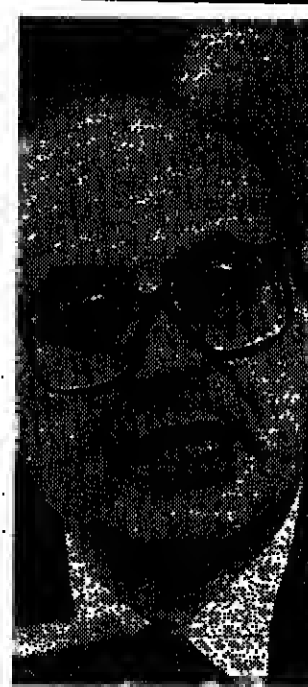
He is in favour of the idea now before parliament that a permanent regional council should be set up which would be presided over by the prime

minister, assisted by the minister for the regions as vice-president. This would be useful "in bringing back a horizontal relationship between the regions and the centre and between individual regions. It should also allow the abolition of a large number of special commissions dealing with regional relations with the centre. According to someone who likes counting, there are at present 90 of these."

There was also room for simplification in relations with the European Community. When, for instance, they are drawing up an integrated Mediterranean plan, the details are worked out by Signor Vizzini's ministry with the agency for financing southern development and by the head of the regional administration concerned. They decide what they want to do and then they take their ideas to the EEC. "Probably there are too many of us involved", he says.

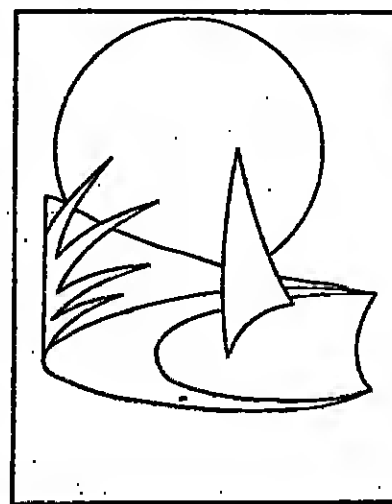
However, despite the shortcomings Signor Vizzini sees in the way the regions were established and how they have developed, he believes that lately there have been signs of improvement. "They are becoming increasingly a reality. An experience of only 15 years cannot be regarded as more than a settling-in time."

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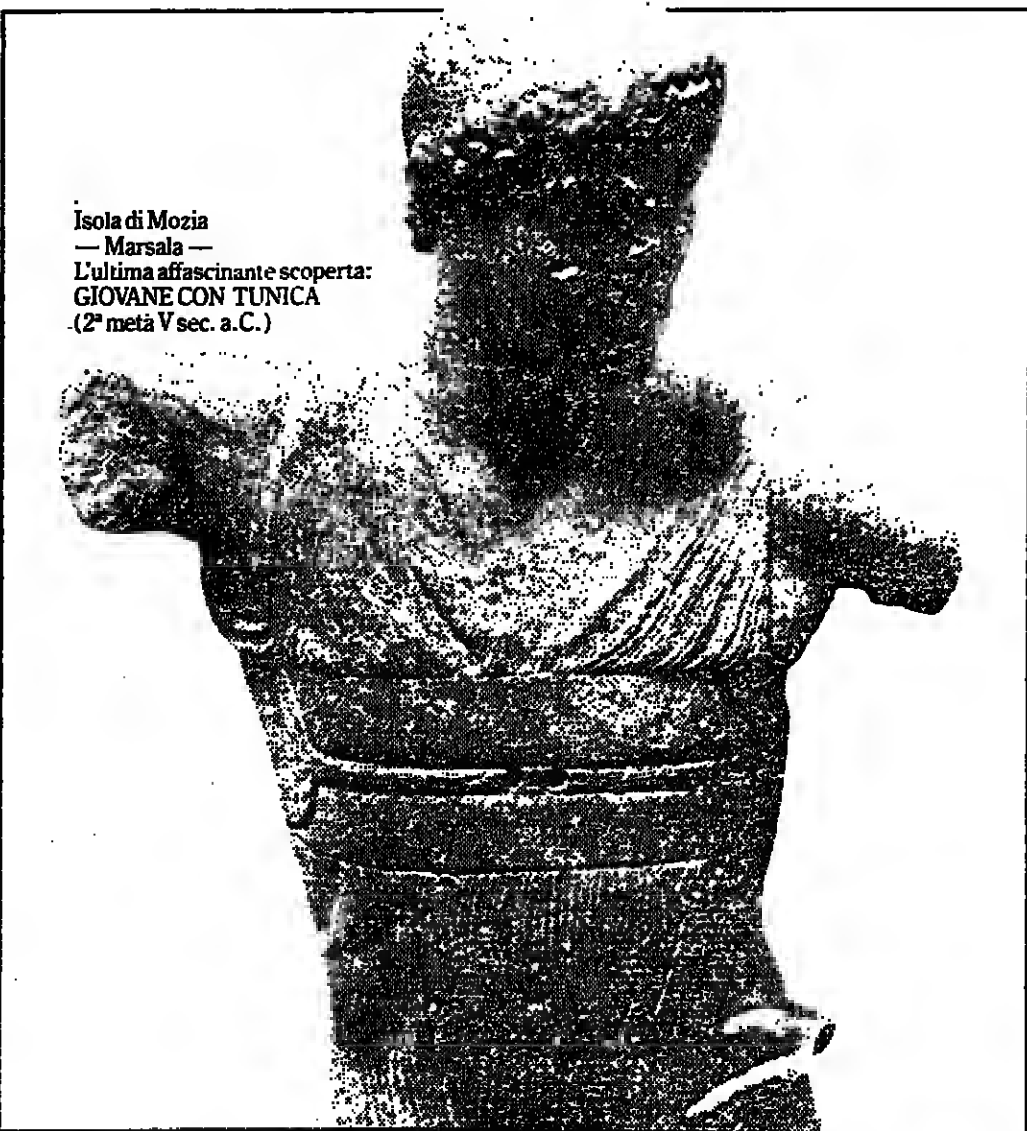
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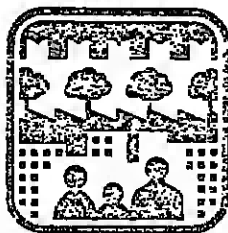
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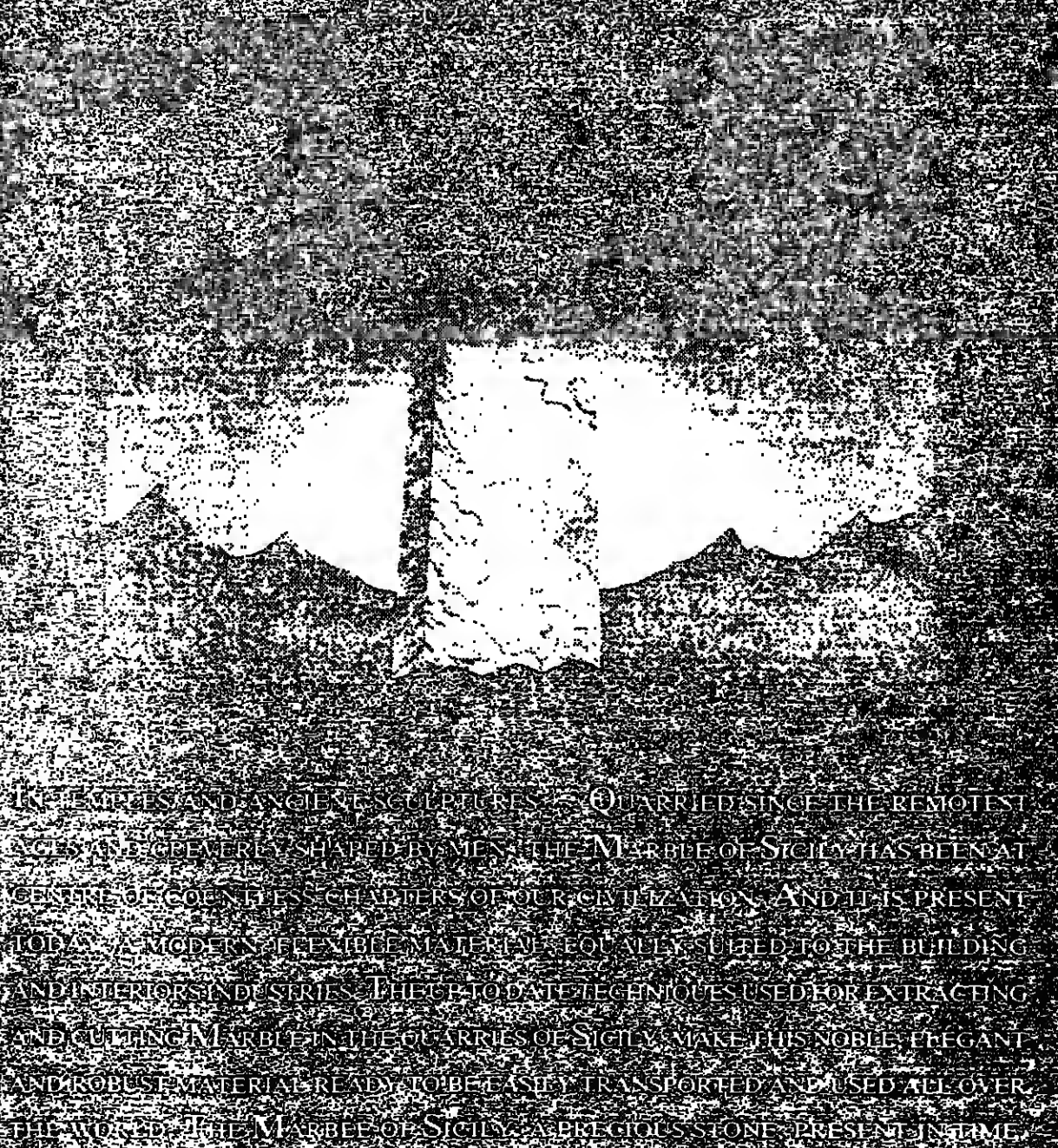


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## Powerhouse in the north

Milan is experiencing a "big bang". More modest and different in nature from what will hit London in October, its impact is nevertheless as far reaching on the country's financial life.

Investors on the Bourse have seen their shares double in value in 1985 and go up by another 50 per cent this year. But it has been much more than a question of fat profits. For years the Bourse used to be a gaming table patronized by smart-alec speculators and insiders playing a narrow market. The number of shares is still limited, but the ordinary public has joined the play.

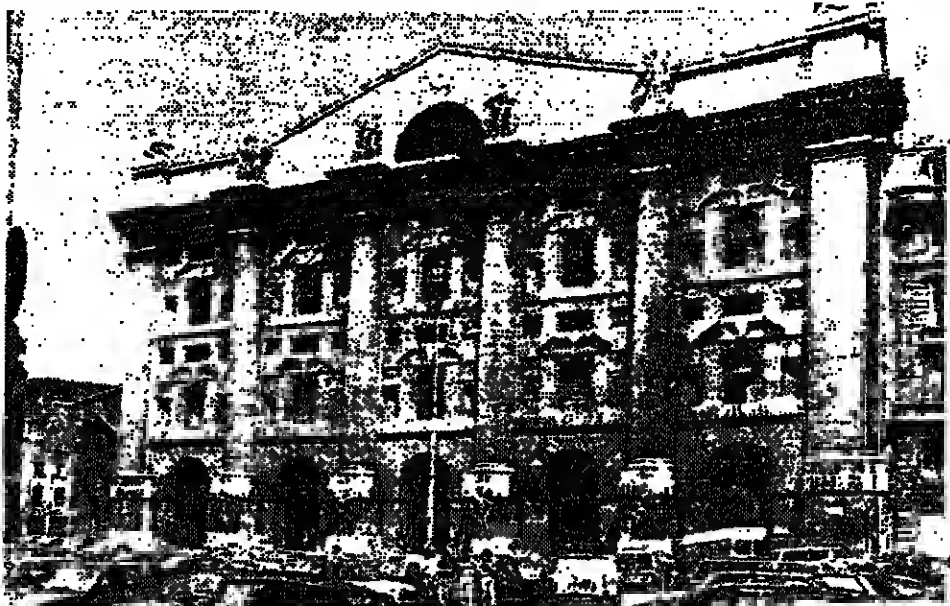
This has become possible thanks to legislation since mid-1984 permitting the establishment of domestic unit trusts. Italians, whose personal savings rate is nearly as high as that of the Japanese, now put their money into units instead of the traditional havens of houses or tax-exempt treasury bonds. Moreover, foreign buyers have appeared on the scene.

Milan, capital of Lombardy — a region with nine million inhabitants, as many as Belgium — is the financial and economic powerhouse of Italy.

It is the natural point of entry for foreign banks wishing to become established in the country. The leading banks of Britain and the Commonwealth are here, either with their own offices or in joint ventures with Italian banks. Milan is also the seat of the British Chamber of Commerce for Italy whose secretary, Walter Lewis, retired at the end of 1985. He spent many years in promoting business links between the two countries.

Barclays has become the most deeply involved of British banks in Italy, though its operations last year suffered a loss. It is the only one to be involved so far in unit trust management, albeit as partner in a small management group.

Since the first domestic unit trust was launched in June 1984, the 43 funds so far authorized have gathered nearly 37,000 billion lire



Symbol of speculation: Foreign buyers are now flocking to the Milan Bourse

(£16,000 million) in subscriptions by March. And, together with 10 Luxembourg-based funds previously allowed to operate, may amass 60,000 billion lire (£26,000 million) by the end of the year.

The trusts have invested in bonds and government securities as well as shares. But, taking shares alone, daily turnover on the Milan Bourse is often more than 300 billion lire (£130 million), compared with an average 38.7 billion lire (£16.8 million) during 1985.

### Merit is once again being rewarded

Will the bubble burst, or will at least the froth boil over? Ettore Fumagalli, President of the Bourse, is the first to admit that the index cannot always go up, but he believes that most of the gains have a sound foundation. Milan, he argues, has in the last year been brought into line with world stock markets. Much of its climb reflects underlying realities.

Foreigners, particularly British and Americans, have, in Signor Fumagalli's view, been quicker than many Ital-

ians to realize that the investment climate was changing. Political stability seems on the way, Italians are working hard as well as saving hard, and that merit is once again being rewarded.

In his estimate, between 2,000 and 3,000 billion lire (£1,300 and £2,170 million) of foreign money flowed into the Bourse in 1985, much of it via London.

Similar optimism is expressed by Giovanni Palladino of Studi Finanziari, a subsidiary of the Istituto Mobiliare Italiano (IMI) merchant bank, who wrote in a report that between 1960 and 1977 Milan had the longest bear market ever experienced by a stock exchange in the industrialized world. It saw its capitalization dwindle from 48 to 3 per cent of gnp.

The recovery really began in 1977, when the Pandolfi law — named after the then Christian Democrat treasury minister — abolished double taxation on dividends.

The irony now is that it is the political left wing which has been taking the upsurge in the Bourse seriously. Signor Fumagalli observes that Bettino Craxi, the Socialist Prime Minister, was the first

head of government to visit the Bourse (on December 91. The Communist Party organ *L'Unita* has since last year been publishing daily stock prices for its readers. Among new applicants for a Bourse listing is the left-wing co-operative movement's fast-growing insurance company, Unipol. An increasing number of companies is seeking a quotation on a stock exchange which is still small — only 221 equities listed — and lopsided. As Signor Palladino's study makes clear, government securities accounted for 67 per cent of the Bourse's capitalization in 1985, bonds 16 per cent, and shares only 17 per cent.

The government, in principle, favours the partial privatization of public sector companies. But the equity market is still dominated by five groups — Agnelli/Fiat, the state-owned IRI (Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale) conglomerate, Assicurazioni Generali (insurance), Montedison (chemicals) and de Benedetti/Olivetti (electronics, food, etc) — whose market capitalization is three quarters of the total.

John Earle

## In search of a new image

More than any other Italian region, Liguria faces problems of industrial transformation like those of Britain, says Rinaldo Magnani, Premier of the regional government. In his view "an enormous jump has to be made, from mature productive activities to the new technologies linked to electronics, information technology and robotics."

Liguria, a long siver of mountainous coastline, has become the weak link in the industrial triangle in which, together with Lombardy and Piedmont, much of Italy's industrial development since the war has been based. Its strength lay in sectors now in decline, such as steel-making, heavy engineering, shipbuilding and shipping.

Tourism, another important source of revenue, is also seeking to adapt to changed circumstances. The Villa Hambury botanical gardens at Ventimiglia near the French frontier are a reminder that the attractions of Liguria's mild winter climate were discovered by the British upper and middle classes more than 100 years ago.

Now, its cramped coast has to accommodate mass inclusive tours concentrated in the summer months. The British link lives on the regular flights by British Caledonian to Genoa, whose patron saint, George, is shared with England.

### Attempts to break provincial habits

If the region's economy has been in decline, so too has its political life in recent years. A former regional premier, Alberto Teardo, is one of a group of members of Bettino Craxi's Socialist Party who have received court sentences for financial offences while in office.

The regional authorities have a way to go if they are to break out of provincial habits and present to the world an image of a modern and forward-looking Liguria in 1992. That is when they will celebrate the discovery of America by Genoa's most illustrious son, Christopher Columbus.

In the economy several firms stand out from the general air of decline, such as Italmipiame, a leading pig contractor, and Ansaldo, which has moved from conventional engineering into nuclear equipment and other areas of high technology. Both are in the state-owned IRI (Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale) group.

Striking progress has been made by the port authority, Il Consorzio Autonomo del Porto di Genova, which administers Italy's biggest port, most of it on land reclaimed from the sea and including the airport and IRI's Cornigliano steelworks.

A few years ago the authority had a bad record of

industrial disputes, with a workforce of 8,400 doing jobs which could be performed by 3,400. The 9.9 million tonnes of cargo handled in 1980 sank to 7.6 million in 1983.

In February 1984 Roberto d'Alessandro, now aged 51, came as president from a management career in private industry. In May that year he wrote in a report that continuance of the existing situation "would mean asking for an endorsement for disaster and I as an administrator, in accepting it, would be guilty of dereliction of duty."

A development plan was therefore drawn up and complete reorganization, involving part-privatization, began. Financial contributions were called for from users for new capital investment, and much of the deficit was made a charge on public funds.

The reorganization is at

three levels. The port authority or *consorzio* (consortium) remains with a role of overall direction, planning and control. Immediately underneath, a management company has been established, its capital divided between the *consorzio* (40 per cent), the regional government, the users, the dockers and the co-operative movement, each with 15 per cent.

At the lowest level, a series of operational companies have been or will be set up for individual sectors — containers, general cargo, bulk cargo, ship repairs, oil terminal, airport (a new airport building is being opened this spring), warehousing, telecommunications, and so on.

The capital stakes vary in each operational company. The basic idea is that the capital should be divided between the port authority, local

authorities, users and workers. The dockers' organization, CULMV, is among the shareholders. It operates a closed shop and resembles not so much a trade union as a guild. The downward trend has been reversed. The development plan sets a target of 13.6 million tonnes of goods traffic for 1987, which, with further capital investment yet to be secured, should rise to at least 25 million tonnes by 2000.

Container capacity is being increased from 350,000 to 430,000 a year, and then to more than 600,000 at the end of 1987. The port authority plans to invest in a further container port at Voltri to the west, and claims that by the end of 1989 the Genoa complex will be the first port in the Mediterranean able to handle a million containers a year.

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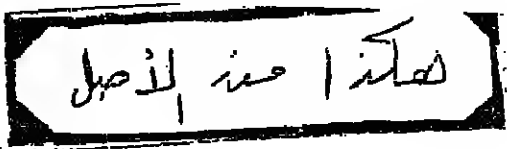
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Sicily, sunny and sleepy, but still crime-plagued

**Mafia land's defiant co-ops**

Photographs of Edward VII, George V, the Kaiser and other European royalty looked down on the corridor outside the meeting room in a Palermo hotel of the executive committee of the International Co-operative Alliance.

The British sovereigns, on visits respectively before and after the First World War, sat in informal groups amid refreshments on the terrace. Further down the corridor hung prints of the Grand National of 1839, "engraved by special permission of the Earl of Sefton".

They recalled a different way of life, when Sicily's links with Britain were closer and the Mafia did not tend to dominate conversation. Now the British connection has all but disappeared. Sicily comes under the consular district of Naples and the Anglican church in the city centre stands empty.

The meeting of 15 members of the ICA executive committee, at which the British representative was Lloyd Wilkinson, general secretary of

dening co-op on the south coast and at a banking co-op near the Belice Valley, where reconstruction after the 1968 earthquake is still unfinished.

In Sicily the league, composed of Communists, Socialists and some Republicans, has about 2,200 co-ops of all kinds, registering an annual turnover of about 600 billion lire (about £255 million). The whole movement claims about 12,000 co-ops in the island, including those of the Confederation (Catholics) and the Association (Republicans and Social Democrats) and others which are independent.

Such is not the case with all government decisions taken locally and nationally. An example was provided during the ICA meeting, when inhabitants in different parts of the island suddenly put up road and rail blocks, isolating Palermo, Agrigento and other towns. They were protesting against a central government measure whereby all those who had built houses without planning permission could clear themselves by paying a fine and having their property registered legally, thereby guaranteeing themselves against the possibility of further action.

**A valuable means of creating jobs**

the Co-operative Union in Manchester, was a reminder that there is more to Sicilian life today than the Mafia. As a meeting it was routine. But since 1986 is the centenary of the foundation of the League of Co-operatives - one of the three main organizations into which the movement in Italy is divided - it was decided to hold the event in Italy. Palermo was chosen to mark the occasion which the movement lays in promoting development in the economically backward south.

Dino Tuttolomondo, the league's regional president in Sicily, stressed in a speech that is a valuable instrument for fighting the Mafia and for promoting jobs in an area of unemployment well above the national level. The Mafia has won its hostility by exploding bombs in recent months at young people's market gar-

**High tech in the south**

The region of Apulia is everything that one would not expect it to be, and for this reason it is creating an important role for itself in the development of the most advanced form of Italian regionalism.

The stereotype impression of a southern region is that it suffers from a stagnant, largely agricultural society with a few misplaced examples of heavy industry which have failed to find their feet in the arid southern soil. This failure breeds a sullen resentment which helps to promote organized crime.

Apulia refuses to conform to these preconceptions. To begin with the last, it was fortunate to escape the attentions of the drug traffic organizers. Mafia members now on trial in Palermo have given a detailed picture of how the drug traffic is organized in the south, mainly in Sicily, Calabria and Campania.

Apulia has been traditionally free of the grip of serious criminal associations such as the Mafia and the Camorra in the Naples area.

Fortunately, the large-scale drug traffickers who saw the attractions of the region's open and accessible beaches were halted by a massive round-up of Mafia and Camorra suspects before their plans could be implemented. And so the scourge of organized crime, which has done

so much to block the economic development of Calabria and parts of Sicily and Campania, still has little place in Apulian life.

Apulia is the south-eastern extremity of Italy, the most Mediterranean of the mainland regions. Yet its regional policy is influenced by the conviction that the natural partner for the region is the European Community, and Brussels.

The principal artistic attractions in Apulia have nothing to do with the Renaissance or very much to do with the glories of ancient Rome: they are the great Romanesque buildings, cathedrals and castles, which are northern in style and associated in many cases with the 13th century Hohenstaufen ruler Frederick II.

Although a German emperor, he was brought up in southern Italy, mainly in Sicily, where he learnt Arabic, was protected by the Saracen soldiers in the way the British in India used the Gurkhas, aimed at uniting Italy as part of his empire and failed because he incurred the Pope's opposition.

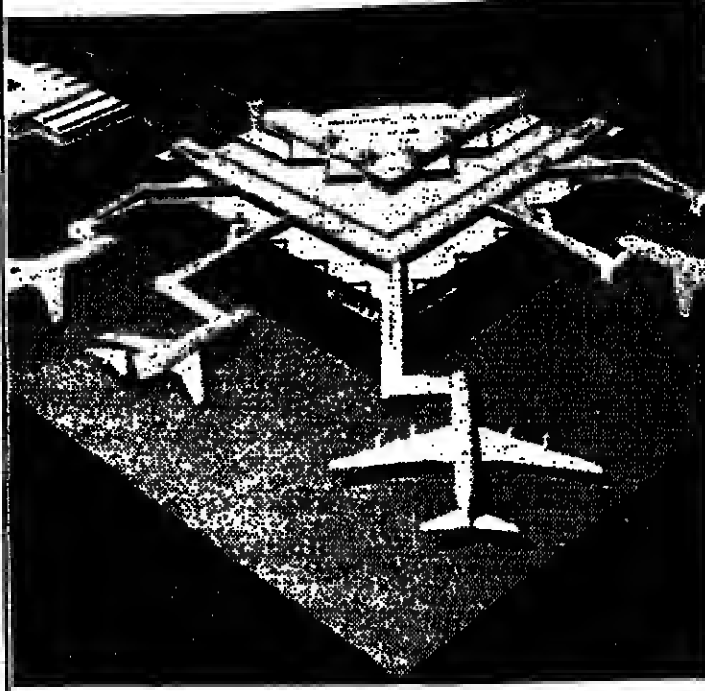
No greater mentor could be found, however, for the idea of an Apulia (one of Frederick's nicknames was "the boy from Apulia") closely integrated with Europe beyond the Alps. Industrially, Apulia is showing great interest in high

technology. The region does not belong mentally below the line dividing north from south, if that is drawn between northern prosperity and alleged southern backwardness.

Historically its ports were always important commercial centres. Brindisi was the end of the famous Via Appia highway from Rome. Bari was developed under Fascism as a port for the colonies and it is now the seat of the annual Levant Fair.

This past, which has given much of Apulia a mental openness atypical of the south, means that the region has fitted easily into the context of economic expansion along the Adriatic Coast. An east-west line is now as appropriate as a north-south one in generalizing about Italian economic growth because the Tyrrhenian is undoubtedly behind the Adriatic in economic progress. And so it is no surprise that Apulia has one of the centres for propagating high technology in the south. It is called "Tecnopolis" and has its seat near Bari.

"The regions need European government" was the essence of a recent speech in Tecnopolis by Salvatore Fitto, head of the regional administration. He was arguing not just the European case but also the natural need that regions and Europe have for each other.



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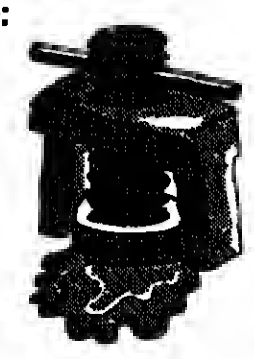
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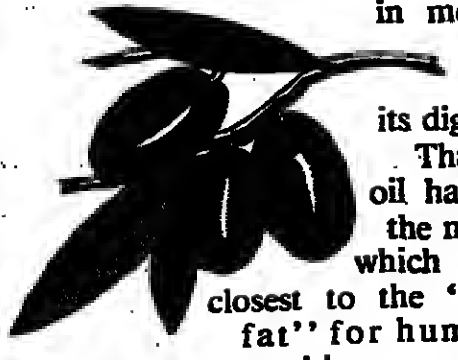
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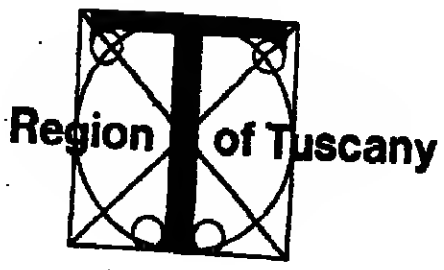
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Unlikely relations

The idea of televising *Marco Polo* (Channel 4) may have been a good one, although it cannot be said that 13th-century Europe has remained inviolate. Everything takes place in a strange country where English, American and Italian people are all related to each other, and where they talk incessantly about something known as "Christianism". The music is interesting, however, it has been "especially composed" for the series, and you would imagine that Marco Polo's travels had been also, since his romantic escapades so far bear very little relation to the original account.

The series has what is generally known as a cast of "stars" (Danhelm Elliott and Bert Lancaster among them), but here they seem to be merely disembodied presences. Like the hologram of Laurence Olivier in a current musical, we get the name without the substance. A possible exception might be made for John Houseman, once again in his favourite role as Harvard professor — even though on this occasion he is wearing a 13th-century toupee and is wrapped in what looks suspiciously like a bedroom carpet. Sir John Gielgud makes an appearance, as always.

The problem seems to be that this is a "multicultural" drama (rather like the spurious concept of "world literature") and, as a result, is as homogenized and as tasteless as that other well known international commodity, airline food. The most curious fact, however, is that the Italian film-makers themselves should turn their own past into a tatty fairground burlesque.

Not that contemporary productions emanating from a single country are necessarily a good idea: the new series of *Miami Vice* (BBC1) relies upon pop music and upon popular imagery and manages at the same time to have the adult interest of a pop-up book. And *The Kenny Everett Television Show*, immediately before it on the same channel, was about as funny as a night in an abattoir.

Peter Ackroyd

Revivals rather than new plays currently enliven New York: Holly Hill reports

All too few chasing Tony awards

Spring is traditionally the most active period in the New York theatre, with scores of shows opening to be eligible for the Tony and other awards given in June. So far this season, the Tonies are miserably few. The predicted demise of *Evitation of Justice* has probably further diminished the already minuscule chances of socio-political plays surviving on Broadway. The news is no better for the one-set drama of family relations, for a new Broadway entry of that genre, *Precious Sons* (Longacre Theatre), is struggling.

While Ed Harris, Judith Ivey and the 14-year-old boy wonder Anthony Rapp are as splendid as their underdeveloped characters allow, and the designers provide a joyously perky lower-middle-class 1949 milieu, they cannot mask the conflicts in George Furth's writing. *Precious Sons* is a Forties play in Eighties foul-mouthed dialogue.

While it is possible that fathers spoke as crudely and rudely to their families and so-called girlfriends in the earlier decades, they did not do so on stage, and as the play appears to aim at a *Salesman* resonance, the dialogue is jarring. The writing also lacks courage, forcing characters to rage, cry, laugh and compromise on cue and settling for sentimental resolutions when the parents clearly cannot live with or without each other. *Precious Sons* holds interest, but frustrates rather than rewards it.

In the socio-political dramatic arena, Off-Broadway's Public Theater has premiered Vaclav Havel's *Largo Desolato*, but done the playwright an unspeakable disservice by delivering him into Richard Foreman's clutches. It is impossible to tell whether Havel's tale of a philosophy professor growing impatient and incompetent under political stress is theatrically viable because Foreman's staging makes it look and sound like an amateur zombie movie.

Max Stafford-Clark's restaging of *Aunt Dan and Lemon* at the Public, however, is a revelation. The American cast, featuring Pamela Reed as a subtly seductive Aunt Dan and Katy Whitton Baker as a sympathetically weak-willed



As splendid as their underdeveloped characters allow them to be: Ed Harris (left) and Judith Ivey with William O'Leary in *Precious Sons*; and (below) Joseph Maher (left), Kevin Bacon — star of the film *Footloose* — and Zeljko Ivanek in the first major New York revival of *Loot*, a hit with a blissful cast now moving to Broadway proper



Lemon, makes Wallace Shawn's play predominantly a story about the negligent psychological and sexual abuse of a child, who is thus so emotionally stunted that she grows into an infecting adult who could become a maniacal

dictator's follower or, even, torturer. I found this reading of the play much more provocative than the original. Last in the current socio-political entries is a one-man show, Eric Bogosian's *Drinking in America* (American

Theatre). The youthful writer-performer is talented in both areas. With flying-saucer blue eyes, a lithe body, a compelling voice ranging from soft croons to crude creaks, and a gift for dialects, Bogosian wrings satiric hu-

mour and some pathos from a gallery of doped and liquored-up losers, though 90 non-stop minutes in such company is pretty dreary.

Circle Repertory Company has received a special grant enabling it to run a repertory season of three plays, but something went very wrong when the actors were chosen. Neither old-time stalwarts nor newcomers are as good as they have been at other times and/or places, and with rare exception the company and individual work, and the direction, is leaden.

A pity that the first mainstream revival of Lanford Wilson's 1985 *The Moon and the Sun* — a rich work and the only play I know of besides D'Annunzio's *The Dead City* to make theatrical capital from the subject of archaeology — never takes off with either of its alternating casts (with the exception of Jay Patterson's vibrant young archaeologist). California, given an arresting modern-dress production with classical touches something to spirit like Peter Hall's *Coriolanus*, suffers because the actors speak the language so flatly. A Canadian play by Anne Cheek, *Quiet in the Land*, is awkward in both writing and production. At least John Lee Beatty's sets and Dennis Parichy's lighting in the Circle Rep's new theatre, the Triplex, an ungainly space with a cavernous high-ceilinged auditorium rising on three sides around a relatively small stage, are inventive and attractive.

Three outstanding revivals are cause for celebration. In the Roundabout Theatre Company's *Room Service*, Mark Hamill proves what an able character actor he is as a frenetic con-man producer. Swoosie Kurtz and John Mahoney (a recent Stephenwolf import in *Orphans* and a tremendous addition to this city's leading men) are funny and pathetic in John Guare's *The House of Blue Leaves* at Lincoln Center's Mizzi E Newhouse stage. John Dillinger's staging of the first major New York revival of *Loot*, with Zoë Wanamaker heading a blissful cast, has been such a hit that it is moving from the Manhattan Theatre Club to Broadway.

Theatre  
Swim Visit  
Donmar Warehouse

Ted, the pivotal character of Wesley Moore's play, is the boss of a non-union factory that manufactures fibre-glass trays. Originally a pioneer concern, it has been overtaken by its competitors, a fact to which Ted doggedly shuts his eyes.

The picture that this evokes is dramatic in the extreme. Imagine a factory floor seething with rumours of impending bankruptcy, when every threat of industrial action is met with another wage-rise: where pay-cheques keep rolling in although the trucks have long ceased to visit the premises; and where, under the orders of an unseen proprietor, the workers have trebled production even though there is nowhere to stack the trays they have already made.

I find that a most arresting image; and it tells you a lot about Mr Moore — and, alas, the American theatre — that he has chosen merely to describe it, while setting the play itself alongside the picture. Here, under the private residence of Ted's widow, is enacted the dreary old encounter between the ageing bull and the young stud; as embodied by Clay (William Hope), a quietly respectful quality-control overseer who comes to plead the workers' cause to their disaster-bound employer.

Not that he makes much headway in that department. Within minutes of his arrival Beth (the neighbour) has got him rubbing sun-oil into her back; and, when he does manage to raise the subject of his visit, Ted's response is to invite him to a swimming race and supply an impromptu pair of trunks by slicing off his trouser-legs with garden shears.

Mr Moore is big on the symbols. Dialogue is thick with references to fertile surrounding land and the stagnant ponds on Ted's estate. Ted is said to have driven his big fat plant into virgin territory. As for character, though there is no more individuality than in an Action Man kit, Beth (Elizabeth Richardson) and Clay are there to show youth and fertility triumphing over the

childless elders. Izz, Ted's wife, gives Patricia Elliott the pretext for delivering the entire British repertoire of the monster mid-western matriarch. As for Ted, it is hard to tell whether he is intended as a captain of industry or a victim of marriage. As played by Don Fellows — an unmatched exponent of the downtrodden American male — he carries more weight when slumped despairingly over a copy of *Newsweek* than when galloping into battle with the shears. Christopher Payton's production boasts some pretty aquatic lighting and topiary suggesting the work of an infant school papier maché class.

Irving Wardle



Infectious high spirits: Gino Quilico as Figaro with Ann Murray's immensely enjoyable Rosina

Opera

Il barbiere di Siviglia  
Covent Garden

On its fourth substantial change of cast, Michael Hampe's production of *Il barbiere di Siviglia* is beginning to sparkle as it did not a year ago, when it was new. The stage business, some of it freshly minted, is now funnier and more brightly lit (though Peter Davison's towering sets remain irredeemably grey), and this cast is surely the strongest yet.

The main revitalizing influence, however, comes from the pit. The Italian conductor Alberto Zedda may not run the tightest of ships, and there were times when the rapport between players, singers and conductor seemed to hang precariously on the lone ting of a triangle. He may sometimes let orchestral detail swamp the singers — not surprisingly since, as a leading Rossini scholar, it was he who rediscovered the score's true instrumental colours. But these are minor penalties to pay for the excitement that Zedda instilled. It is difficult to imagine the chattering woodwind writing, and especially the two piccolos' flighty runs, more sharply delineated, or the violas' offbeat giggles in Basilio's scandal-mongering aria imbued with a more sneering tone.

This sense of exuberant momentum permeated the stage too. Hampe's formerly rather heavy-handed point about Rosina being kept behind bars and bolts is now conveyed with sleek force. The Act I finale's "freeze" is all the more effective for being succeeded by a wild, arm-waving ensemble jig; a trifle juvenile, perhaps, but infectiously high-spirited.

Richard Morrison

Concert

Tuckwell Wind Quintet  
St John's/Radio 3

It is difficult to imagine more provocative use of that balmy serenade, the wind ensemble, than that made by Nielsen in his 1922 Wind Quintet, or by Janáček in his sextet *Mládí*. The two works met head-on at Monday's BBC lunchtime concert; and for anyone who missed it, or who wants to

catch it again, the Tuckwell Wind Quintet's rich programme will be repeated next Sunday at 11.15am on Radio 3.

Nielsen's inspiration came from the volatile performing personalities of the Copenhagen Wind Quintet. The Tuckwell Quintet are quite a bunch themselves, and they delighted in the composer's moments of mockery at his own reverence for counterpoint, making both the pastoral opening and the staid Minuet and Trio into games of mistaken identity. The finale, a crack set of

variations on one of the many hymn-tunes Nielsen was composing at the time, is a riot of the unpredictable, and was enjoyed as such. From the raucous clarinet, leaping in gawky descending arpeggios, to the skirling flute and serenading horn, Nielsen finds as many ways as possible of ridiculing his theme and testing his players' virtuosity.

At 70, youth obsessed Janáček — the torment of youth, eternally renewed in *The Makropulos Case*, and the celebration of the glad transition of youth itself in this sense of youth itself in this sense of youth, golden

youth", the obce sings at the start; yet, typically, this ostensibly blithe phrase is troubled and made ambiguous by the harmonies rumbling below it in horn, bassoon and bass clarinet (Stephen Trier joined the Quiliet at this point).

It was the Tuckwell's achievement to keep alive the co-existence of these contrasts, nudging the work's darting motives and registers from one mood to another, and drawing them together to the finale's chiming assent.

Hilary Finch


London debuts  
Gifted but erratic


but the right kind of huge technique. To judge from his performance the young American Marcantonio Barone really has it. His playing appeared to be note-perfect, with an instinctive sense of Rachmaninov's rubato; he built a tremendous climax to the first movement, the closing bars of which also showed his ability to make things happen in the quieter moments. However three of Ravel's *Miroirs* were accurate but idiomatic only in patches. Scriabin's Seventh Sonata lacked finesse and Schubert's *Moments musi-*

ciaux had little of Schubert about them. An over-large programme by the Israeli pianist Benjamin Rawitz rather got in its own way; all too often he only seemed to start concentrating on the piece in question when he was already halfway through it. In fact two of Granados's *Goyescas* and Chopin's *Andante spianato* virtually disappeared in this manner. A pity, because elsewhere you could frequently sense an intelligent artist at work, very much on terms with the crystalline dynamism and technical complexities of Scriabin's piano style (the Fourth Sonata was impressively done).

The concert by the Orchestra Australia in St James's, Piccadilly, was a multiple debut: the first appearance of the orchestra itself (it has a nucleus of London-based Australian players); the conductor, Robert Smallwood's first appearance in London, and the British premieres of the Australian composer Nigel Butterley's *Goldengrove* for strings and Smallwood's own *Discovery* for orchestra. Also included were Walton's *A Song for the Lord Mayor's Table* (with typically spirited singing from Jane Manning), Grainger's *Colonial Song* and Vaughan Williams's *Wayside Overture*, this last especially played with energy and accuracy. Smallwood drew a secure performance of *Discovery*, a confident and accomplished piece.

Malcolm Hayes

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Libyan crisis wipes £4.7bn off value of UK shares

By Lawrence Lever and Richard Lander

An estimated £4.7 billion was wiped off the value of British Stock Exchange companies yesterday as the impact of the Libyan crisis spread waves of uncertainty through the stock market.

Both the FT 30 index and the broader-based FT-SE 100 index fell by more than 28 points while the chaos induced by the Libyan situation was felt in all sectors of the market.

Brokers reported heavy profit taking precipitated by uncertainty over the market. Mr Kenneth Levy, of Capel Cure Myers, said: "The natural gut reaction is to take profits more rapidly than one would otherwise do and not to go into the market if one was at all hesitating whether to do so."

Other factors affecting share prices yesterday were the £406 million Saatchi & Saatchi rights issue and worries that there were more rights issues to come to finance the wave of takeover activity, thereby soaking up institutional liquidity.

There was also the feeling that favourable economic factors such as low energy costs and the expected fall in interest rates would be adversely affected.

In contrast, Wall Street showed more resilience. The

Dow Jones industrial average index recouped an initial drop in prices caused by profit-taking from worried-British institutions. Dealers said that the "Rambo mentality" of American investors made them more optimistic about the Libyan situation. The feeling was that President Reagan had finally given investors what they wanted.

On the international money markets, the US raid brought a swift but short-lived flip to both the dollar and gold.

The dollar rose sharply on the thin Far Eastern foreign exchanges after the first news

of the strike, gaining almost four pence to touch DM2.3460 at one stage and rising to 1.9560 Swiss francs from 1.9310 at the close of business in New York. Some further dollar buying was seen when markets opened in Europe but soon evaporated as traders took stock of the situation.

The announcement of a 0.5 per cent drop in US March industrial output during the afternoon also hurt the dollar. By the end of a busy day in London it had fallen back to DM2.3120 and 1.9352 Swiss francs.

Sterling, by contrast, stood

firm against the dollar and spent most of the day trading around \$1.43, closing 0.3 cents weaker than last night at \$1.4787. The weakness of the continental currencies helped the pound rise to DM3.4550 at one stage but it later slipped back to 3.4250.

The pound's trade-weighted index shed 0.2 on the day to 76.2. On the bullion market, gold mirrored the dollar's early advance by adding about \$3 to \$345 an ounce, but interest soon evaporated.

By the end of business gold was quoted at about \$342.50, just \$1 up

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Opec studies new output quotas

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Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Lloyds persists with a sub-Standard offer

After the anticipation built up during last week's phoney war between Lloyds and Standard Chartered, the bid, when it finally came yesterday, looked rather disappointing. Lloyds had hung back for a full week, saying that it was waiting for the publication of Standard's official reports and accounts, while Standard's share price rose and the market began to assume that Lloyds must be concocting a more tempting offer than its original suggestion. Lloyds was not. Yesterday's bid is exactly what the bank had always said it would be: 750p per share split roughly equally between cash and convertible preference shares.

Standard's shares promptly fell 20p to 854p - though, to be fair, the whole sector weakened along with the rest of the market yesterday. That still leaves Standard's price more than a pound above Lloyds's offer which partly accounts for the market's lack of enthusiasm over the bid. The other reason was that both the offer and the alternative include such a high proportion of convertible preference shares: 16 for ever four standard shares in each case, to be precise.

Lloyds is, after all, asking investors to swallow a big idea. This would, if successful, be the biggest takeover in British banking history creating the largest UK bank in asset terms with assets of well over £70 billion. Nor is it an obvious move. Of all the potential suitors for Standard, Lloyds had never been mentioned until it presented the idea ten days ago.

Lloyds argues that Standard would bring it a group of domestic banking operations across the world which Lloyds itself cannot enter because of restrictions in many countries. The combined bank would be able to offer unrivalled trade finance and foreign exchange services, it claims. It would also be able to make valuable tax savings on its UK earnings as a result of the takeover and achieve economies of scale by rationalising systems, premises and overheads.

Michael McWilliams, chief general manager of Standard, predictably tags the commercial logic argument as being "facile". "Lloyds has not got the remotest idea of how to develop overseas businesses," he insists and accuses his adversaries of being arrogant domestic UK bankers who think they know how to do everything.

The situation looks curious. On the face of it, Standard has more to gain from a link with Lloyds - above all a profitable UK retail operation which it desperately needs. Lloyds, however, is planning to take on an "old-fashioned" international bank with an undistinguished earnings record and an embarrassingly large exposure to South Africa.

Quite clearly, both sides have a lot of explaining to do to shareholders and the stockmarket in general, both to clarify their plans and to justify their attitudes in the current situa-

tion. In the meantime the market remains confident that another bidder will soon appear and that Lloyds will have to raise its offer. The Bank of England seems prepared to allow at least a two cornered fight between Standard and Lloyds, and possibly a three cornered fight if another contestant came in

Berrill makes sense

The report of Sir Kenneth Berrill's working party into the corporate structure at Lloyds is remarkably uncontroversial, in sharp contrast with the formation of the working party last September. The former chief executive of Lloyds, Ian Hay Davison, resigned because he saw it as a threat to his independent position. No sooner had he resigned than Lloyds announced that the terms of reference of the chief executive would not be changed.

The working party still had plenty with which to occupy itself. Although Mr Davison, in his action-packed three years at Lloyds, made great strides in establishing a new regulatory framework and bringing past offenders to book, he made less progress in improving the administration. One of the main reasons for Sir Kenneth's working party was the embarrassing £22 million accounting error discovered in Lloyds's accounts last year. The administration was clearly not functioning as it should.

The Berrill report recommends a streamlining exercise to reduce the number of lines of communication to the chief executive and to stop trivial matters going to the top. The reduction in the number of committees and delegation of work to senior staff will, however, mean more staff and higher gradings: a sure call for more grumbling among the members. The recommendations, which have in the main been accepted by the Council of Lloyds, would free the chairman, the two elected deputy chairmen and committee of Lloyds from some of their present workload, and should cut out duplication.

The report makes excellent sense, as far as it goes. It does not have any remedies for potential clashes between an executive chairman and chief executive, as happened when Mr Davison was endeavouring to steer the ship. His successor, Alan Lord, is happy to operate alongside a chairman, whose more ambassadorial role will leave the day to day administration to the chief executive. That is the essential nature of the contract.

Sir Patrick Neill's present inquiry into regulatory arrangements at Lloyds will doubtless take into account the changes proposed by Sir Kenneth's working party. Sir Patrick's brief is wide and if he did not feel enough had been done he would, presumably, not hesitate to recommend that Lloyds be brought under the authority of a higher body. For such is the mood of the moment.

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Cash offer for Pegler

FH Tomkins, the industrial holding company bidding £172 million for Pegler-Hattersley, has added a cash alternative worth 52.3p per share to its previous all-paper bid.

The cash offer comes a day after Pegler-Hattersley's board said the Tomkins bid was based on over-valued paper. Pegler, a manufacturer of industrial valves, has called the bid unwelcome and unsolicited.

Despite the fall in the stock market, Tomkins's cash alternative was successfully underwritten yesterday.

SE concession

The Stock Exchange has agreed to open for trading half an hour earlier, at 9 am, from April 28 in response to pressure from international traders, particularly gilt-edged futures traders on the London International Financial Futures Exchange.

Woodrow up

Taylor Woodrow lifted pretax profits from £44.2 million to £53.6 million for the year to December 31. Turnover rose to £812 million. The dividend for the year is up from 15p to 17.25p. *Times, page 23*

Glaxo surge

Glaxo, the pharmaceuticals company, lifted profits from £195 million to £260 million before tax in the six months to December 31. Turnover rose from £592 million to £686 million. The interim dividend is 4p. *Times, page 23*

Bowater falls

Bowater Industries, the paper and packaging company, saw profits fall from £35.7 million to £32.4 million before tax in the year to December 31. Turnover rose from £1.27 billion to £1.29 billion. The final dividend is 5.5p. *Times, page 23*

BT contract

STC has been awarded a contract to provide British Telecom with multiplexers which will allow voice and data to be transmitted over a telephone line simultaneously. The contract is initially worth under £1 million.

Talks denied

Good Relations says it is not in talks with any third parties. The public relations company was replying to a request from the Stock Exchange following weekend press comment.

Deal cleared

The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry has decided not to refer to the Monopolies Commission an arrangement between Northcote Foods, Dairy Crest Foods and Unigate to acquire some of each other's assets.

Spong offer

Spong has declared its offer for Rowland Gaunt unconditional after receiving acceptances for 82 per cent of Gaunt shares. The offer remains open.

Guinness heads for victory in battle for Distillers

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent

Guinness was last night heading for victory in the bitter four-and-a-half-month-old battle for control of Distillers, the Scotch whisky group.

With just three days left before the epic £2.7 billion takeover fight comes to a close, Guinness has built up a commanding lead over its rival, Mr James Gulliver's Argyll supermarkets group. Guinness now controls 31.8 per cent of Distillers shares. This figure includes acceptances to date of its offer, 16.77 per cent, and shares owned by those friendly to its cause.

The corresponding figure for Argyll is only 17.33 per cent, which includes actual acceptances of its offer of 2.87

per cent. Argyll conceded yesterday that its acceptance level from Distillers shareholders was still low.

The Guinness camp took advantage of the fall in share prices yesterday to buy a further 3 per cent of Distillers shares bringing its total holding to 14.99 per cent - the maximum allowed under takeover rules. The £75 million share buying was undertaken by Cazenove, Guinness's stockbroker firm, on behalf of two banks which support Guinness, Morgan Grenfell, Guinness's merchant bank, has indemnified these and other banks which have bought Distillers shares on behalf of Guinness, against

any losses they might suffer on the transactions.

A spokesman for Argyll said the company was not discouraged by the Guinness lead. "We always expected a majority of small shareholders to accept the recommended Guinness bid but the key institutional shareholders have yet to decide."

The Argyll share price fell sharply yesterday, closing 20p lower at 348p. The margin in favour of the Guinness bid increased: Argyll's offer is now worth 71p for each Distillers share, quoted last night at 69.5p, which is 39p a share below the Guinness bid.

Argyll yesterday extended its offer until Friday.



Desmond Pither: returns still "unsatisfactory"

Littlewoods profit up by £11.7m

By Richard Lander

The Littlewoods Organisation, Britain's largest private company, lifted pretax profits from £54.5 million to £66.2 million last year with the group's troubled chain store network showing signs of beginning to turn the corner after several stagnant years.

A refurbishment programme, coupled with a rationalization of lines, helped the chain store side increase profits from £7.2 million to £12.6 million with sales rising by £13 million to £481 million.

However, Mr Desmond Pither, the chief executive, described the return on sales as still "most unsatisfactory" and said he wanted the current 2.6 per cent level raised to "something approaching 10 per cent".

By comparison, British Home Stores, which Littlewoods regards as its main rival in the high street, recorded an 8.9 per cent return on sales in its last annual results.

Apart from the store overhaul programme, which costs around £300,000 a shop and has so far covered 77 of the group's 108 stores, Littlewoods is also expanding on the high street with its new Inside Story chain of household furnishing shops. The first store opened its doors in York last month and another nine are scheduled to start business in 1986. The company has also opened its first catalogue shop, similar to those pioneered by Argos.

The mail order division, which increased profits from £36.7 million to £41.2 million, is also diversifying with two new speciality catalogues.

DoT investigation at Henry Ansbacher

By Our Banking Correspondent

The Department of Trade and Industry confirmed yesterday that it was conducting an investigation into Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, covering the period when it was headed by Lord Williams, now a leading economic adviser to the Labour Party.

Lord Williams left the bank last year, with a golden handshake of about £100,000, after Ansbacher plunged £31 million into loss after making a small profit the year before.

He now advises Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, and is also a financial adviser to the publisher, Mr Robert Maxwell.

The DTI investigation focuses on the purchase of the broking firm, Laidlaw & Peck,

in 1984 for \$15 million. Within months big losses emerged at the firm which was sold last year at a cost of £13 million in write-offs to Ansbacher.

Last year the new management of Ansbacher reported to shareholders that an interim dividend payment of £500,000 in 1984 should not have been paid because the company could not afford it.

The report said that the bank's management at the time had not given an accurate picture to shareholders of the company's financial position.

Ansbacher was rescued from collapse by Pargesa, the Belgian banking group, and Mr Richard Fenhalls took over as managing director.

Savoy profits up 32%

By Our City Staff

The influx of American tourists into London early last year helped profits at the Savoy Hotel group to rise by 32 per cent to £10.7 million in 1985.

Mr Giles Shepard, managing director, said occupancy rates were above 90 per cent at the Connaught and better than 80 per cent at the Savoy, the Berkeley and Claridge's. Gross receipts moved ahead from

£51.8 million to almost £60 million.

Spending on repairs and maintenance increased to £4.9 million and a further £9 million went on several projects, including the remodelling of the whole of the Savoy kitchens and The River Room, and a revamp of the Berkeley dining room.

The widely traded but low-valued "A" shares closed unchanged at 396p.

Cunard to manage luxury hotels in American cities

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The Cunard Line has made a significant deal in the US market, with the first in a planned series of hotel management contracts which will allow it to launch a luxury travel service designed to bring British travellers to the eastern states.

Mr Eric Parker, chief executive of Trafalgar House Group, parent company of Cunard, said yesterday that the company had signed a long-term contract to manage the famous 238-room Watergate Hotel in Washington. Similar contracts are under negotiation for luxury hotels in New York, Boston and Florida, all cities served by Cunard liners.

The expansion into the

management of luxury hotels will allow Cunard to broaden its travel packaging services, utilizing links in British Airways, the QE2 and other Cunard ships to provide special travel/hotels/tour programmes designed for transatlantic travellers and cruise-ship passengers. Britain and West Germany are the target markets.

Mr Parker said that before the signing of the Watergate contract, Cunard neither owned nor operated hotels in the lucrative US market. The company owns and manages luxury hotels in other parts of the world, however, including the Ritz and Grand Hotel La Toc and La Toc suites in St Lucia and Cunard Paradise Beach Hotel in Barbados.

Cunard plans a large renovation of the Watergate Hotel, which it plans to turn into a five-star facility.

At that time the Watergate, which has numerous suites with views of the Potomac River, will not only be at the top end of the world's luxury hotels, it will also be a bargain in comparison to similar accommodation in London and on the Continent, officials said.

Mr Parker said that in launching its hotel management operations in the US, the company is seeking a few special hotels which will complement its other operations.

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WALL STREET

New York (Renter) - Wall Street stocks went lower after a jittery opening yesterday following the US air strikes on Libya. Traders noted uneasiness but no immediate conviction backing a larger sell-off. They said investors were awaiting further developments. "The question is whether it is going to escalate," Mr Gerald Simmons, of Smith Barney Harris Upham, said. The Dow Jones industrial average, which was down five points at 1,800 shortly after opening, reversed a little later to 1,808.04, up 2.43. The utilities average also edged upwards to 189.42, up 0.25. The 65 stocks average was up 0.14 at 703.13.

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# Taylor Woodrow pins hopes on evolution

In announcing pretax profits of £53.6 million for the year to December 1985, Taylor Woodrow is celebrating 25 years of unbroken profits growth. The dividend was bumped up by 15 per cent on top of a 22 per cent increase last year.

The shares are now on a gross yield of 4.2 per cent compared with the market yield of 3.7 per cent. These are the bare statistics reflecting not only a distinguished past but also signalling a promising future. Both the irreplaceable Lord Taylor and new chairman, Frank Gibb, are acutely aware that TV has to evolve if it is to remain profitable and, in an age of takeovers, independent.

Thus the contracting division, which accounts for 25 per cent of profit, is now regarded as a steady contributor rather than a growth area. Profits are likely to fluctuate around the current level depending on the status of major contracts. In future, the divisions which are likely to grow fastest are house building and property.

Housing had an excellent year in 1985, when 1,500 houses were built and sold. Pretax profit rose by 17 per cent from £12 million to £14 million.

The company's land bank is geographically well spread with many prime sites, and it expects house completions and profits in 1986 to show some increase on 1985, helped by falling interest and mortgage rates.

The group has a £309 million property portfolio which is revalued every year. In 1985 alone, it increased by £46 million of which £38 million was a gain on revaluation.

As a reflection of the degree of importance this segment of the group's activities has achieved, gains on sales of investment properties are no longer treated as extraordinary profits but are included above the line. In 1985, pretax profit from property was £16.3 million of which £3.7 million were gains on disposals.

Clearly, the size of such gains depends on what is sold and this item can be expected to fluctuate widely.

In 1985 £7.9 million, or nearly 15 per cent of Taylor Woodrow's pretax profit, was earned in the Middle East. In 1984, it was 22 per cent. The fall in the oil price will mean that business generated in these areas will decline further.

The group is confident that the benefits to non-oil economies will outweigh the loss of

buying power in the Middle East and that it will gain business elsewhere to compensate. The share price of 581p implies a prospective earnings multiple of around 11 times assuming an earnings increase next year similar to this year's. This is not a demanding rating for a company with the track record of Taylor Woodrow and the shares look like a sound investment when compared with a frothy market.

## Bowater

Bowater Industries' results for 1985, announced yesterday, were so disappointing that some market men were driven to question the logic of the demerger from Bowater Incorporated, effected in 1984.

Though Bowater Industries has been able to reduce its dependence on the pulp and paper markets to just 15 per cent of sales, and it has made a number of acquisitions, there is little to show for the change, so far.

The company did its best to counter the disappointment with an increased final dividend of 5.5p, up from 5p. This was no doubt intended to buoy the share price, a particular concern with Hanson Trust sitting on an 11.7 per cent stake. It was not enough however to take attention away from the profits fall from £35.7 million to £32.4 million before tax.

The company said last year's profits would have been £5.2 million higher but for exchange rate movements. The result was also hit by problems at two American companies, Camvac, the specialized packaging business, which lost more than £4 million, and a new freight forwarding operation which lost £700,000.

Below the line there was a £11.9 million extraordinary charge and shareholders' funds were also dented by an £8.5 million write-off of goodwill and the effect of exchange rate movements which cost a further £15 million.

Last year Bowater spent £24 million on acquisitions but their contribution, net of the effect of disposals, was less than £1 million before financing costs. While Bowater Industries still has to prove itself, it should be given more time. At 302p the shares yield an above average 4.3 per cent and takeover speculation is in the price for nothing.

## Glaxo Holdings

Interim results from Glaxo Holdings yesterday quite properly brought attention

back to its excellent trading record from the political row about taxing American Depository Receipts.

Its shares have suffered in recent weeks from fears about the effect of the proposed tax, but yesterday that worry was forgotten and the shares gained 20p to £10.60.

Reported profits rose by 34 per cent to £259.8 million, but the increase would have been as much as 50 per cent if not for exchange rate movements. And that rise was achieved despite a £12 million charge above the line representing the costs of recalling Farley's goods after the salmonella scare.

Group sales rose by 15.8 per cent to £685.5 million, but again the increase would have been higher if not for the vagaries of currencies. The underlying increase in turnover was 30 per cent. With no price increases to speak of the increase reflects volume gains.

The biggest sales increase was in the United States, where turnover rose by 80 per cent to \$286 million (£194 million).

Fears that demand for Zantac would soon start to slow now look premature. In the first half sales rose by 34 per cent, but it looks as if other product areas are now growing as quickly. As a result Zantac is unlikely to increase in importance to the group, but that still leaves it accounting for 45 per cent of group sales.

One side effect of Zantac's success is a huge cash pile, now nudging £400 million. While other companies might be tempted to use such funds for diversification, Glaxo only plans to make acquisitions which would boost its existing business.

So the cash pile is likely to continue growing, which presents something of a long-term problem as the return on cash holdings is far less than Glaxo extracts from its trading assets.

This does not, however, explain the anomaly of Glaxo's rating. Assuming profits reach £520 million this year they are trading on 22.5 times earnings. But Wellcome, the latest arrival on the pharmaceuticals pitch, is trading on 28 times prospective earnings.

Either Glaxo is cheap or Wellcome expensive. Either way, hang on to Glaxo.

# Stores badly hit in share fallout

The American attack on Libya sent share prices sliding sharply with the FT 30-share index tumbling 28.5 points. It closed at 1,370.8 with nearly £5 billion written off share values. The FT-SE 100 index closed at 1,654.8, down 28.3. All sectors suffered heavily but perhaps the worst-hit was stores, additionally upset by the Government's defeat on the Sunday shops opening Bill.

Gas A reflected the trend at 98.5p down 4.5p while Harris Queensway dipped 16p to 26.8p and Woolworth 10p to 86.0p, unimpressed with the Woolco stores sale to Dec Corporation.

Etam lost 10p to 25.6p in front of today's results. Among leading industrials

Distillers weakened 27p to 693p as investors sold stock in the market unwilling to wait for Friday's outcome of the battle between Guinness 10p down at 343p and Argyll Group down 23p to 345p.

Grand Met at 403p, BTR at 458p, ICT at 922p and P&O

at 533p were among other internationals to retreat 9p to 15p while Imperial Group lost another 18p to 327p on the outcome of the offer from Hanson which was 10p down at 167p.

Mercury's competition worries continue to upset British Telecom at 246p down 6p.

In dull textiles, Courtaulds dipped 15p to 279p and Coates Patons declined 20p to 534p.

The Government stock lost 3/4 of a point but dealers were still optimistic about a further cut in base rates later this week. A Government broker sold out last Friday's index-linked taper.

## RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES	110	194-6
Abbott M V (180p)	212-2	75
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Curzon (120p)	130	
Ferguson (110p)	221	
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Granite Surface (56p)	88-3	
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JS Pathology (160p)	285-2	
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Spice (80p)	194-7	
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Underwoods (1180p)	188-1	
Wellcome (120p)	194-6	
W York Hosp (90p)	75	
Wicks (140p)	168	

RESULTS. Dealers are expecting little change in profits of around £135 million. Against the trend, Glaxo rose 20p to 1060p after a near 35 per cent earnings expansion taking Beecham up 5p to 401p in sympathy.

Mercury's competition

RIGHTS ISSUES

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Wares F/P	147-1

(Issue price in brackets).

# Luxemburg ready to make tax concessions

By Michael Prest, Financial Correspondent

The Luxembourg Government is expected to herald a drive to enhance the Grand Duchy's attractiveness as a financial centre tomorrow by proposing tax concessions to banks and their foreign clients.

The concessions, which are part of a wide ranging review of the country's fiscal system, are likely to include increasing the types of assets against which banks can make provisions and thereby reducing their tax liability, negotiating new and additional double taxation treaties and abolishing the "tax d'abandonement".

The latter is a tax on assets levied at the rate of 0.36 per cent of the eligible assets a year. At a press conference yesterday, Dr Ekkehard Storck from Deutsche Bank described the tax as the main stumbling block to strengthening Luxembourg's capacity to issue new instruments such as Euronotes and Euro-commercial paper and called on the Government to abolish it.

All these points have been raised by the Luxembourg Bankers' Association in discussions with the Government over recent months. The association is keen to attract more private client business and to develop Luxembourg as a centre for fund management.

Yesterday Mr Remy Kremer, president of the association, declined to detail the likely proposals. But he said: "We and the Government are aware of situations which might handicap Luxembourg. Among these are the tax

## COMPANY NEWS

● LONRHO: The company's property subsidiaries have sold a portfolio of commercial, industrial and residential property for £53 million cash, which is in excess of book value. The proceeds will be used to invest in higher yielding business.

● BRIDPORT-GUNDRY: A recommended offer has been made to the shareholders of Hall's Baron Ropery Co. Irrevocable undertakings to accept have been received from holders of 46.76 per cent.

● ASHLEY INDUSTRIAL TRUST: The company proposes to raise approximately £703,360 before expenses by a rights issue of 2,009,600 A ordinary shares at 35p. The terms are two A ordinary shares for every five ordinary shares held. The directors have decided not to issue the additional cost of having the issue underwritten.

● JURYS HOTEL GROUP: Application lists open at 10 am on April 21 for an offer for sale by the directors of the hotel of Ireland of 5 million ordinary shares of 25p each at 115p a share. The directors forecast pretax profit of £1.8 million for the year ending April 30. The company intends to pay dividends totalling 3.75p per share in respect of the year ending April 30, 1987. Dealings are expected on April 28.

● HELENE OF LONDON: A final dividend of 1.3p, making 1.63p (1.48p) for the year, is payable for 1985. With figures in £000, sales were 24,740 (23,049), pretax profits 1,171 (1,402) and tax 740 (636). Earnings per share were 3.1p (2.7p).

● OWNERS ABROAD GROUP: A dividend of 1.5p (1p) is payable for 1985. With figures in £000, turnover was 17,214 (88,927), profit on ordinary activities before tax 3,810 (2,211), profit attributable 1,617 (785), earnings per share are 3.40p (2.30p). This year has been characterized by a price war between several of the big four operators which has significantly reversed recent booking trends.

More company news on page 26

# Allied Textiles bids for Berisfords Group

By Teresa Poole

Allied Textile Companies, the Huddersfield woollens and worsted cloth manufacturer, yesterday launched a £7.8 million bid for Berisfords Group, the Cheshire ribbons and trimmings maker.

ATC, which last year fought off a bid from London & Midland Industrials, has been sitting on £2.2 million of cash and investments. Mr Russell Smith, chairman and chief executive, said: "Interest rates seem set to decline, so there are opportunities to get a better return from investments in textile activities again".

The terms of the bid are one ATC share for every two Berisfords which is worth 142.5p with ATC down 20p to 285p. Berisfords gained 28p to 140p.

Shareholders will also be offered an alternative of 125p in loan notes or cash. Mr Smith is seeking a recommendation from the Berisfords board and the Sebire family which owns 24 per cent of the shares.

The board of Berisfords, whose business goes back to 1858 and includes the Wear-Well range of ribbons and bindings, were yesterday considering the offer and advised shareholders to take no action.

Its biggest shareholder, the Renmore fabric company, said it considered the offer fair and reasonable and would recommend shareholders to accept on behalf of its 26 per cent stake.

In the six months to September 28, Berisfords' pretax profits showed a sharp fall from £315,000 to £130,000.

## Barker set for market

By Alison Eadie

Charles Barker, the advertising agency and public relations group, is coming to the stock market next month in an offer for sale that will value it at around £35 million.

Barker is the second-largest UK-owned communications group behind Saatchi & Saatchi. It made pretax profits last year of £2.75 million, a rise of nearly 30 per cent over 1984, on billings up 11 per cent to £136.6 million.

The group also announced yesterday that it would use its new shares to acquire Norman Broadbent International, a London-based international executive search consultancy, for a maximum £6.6 million.

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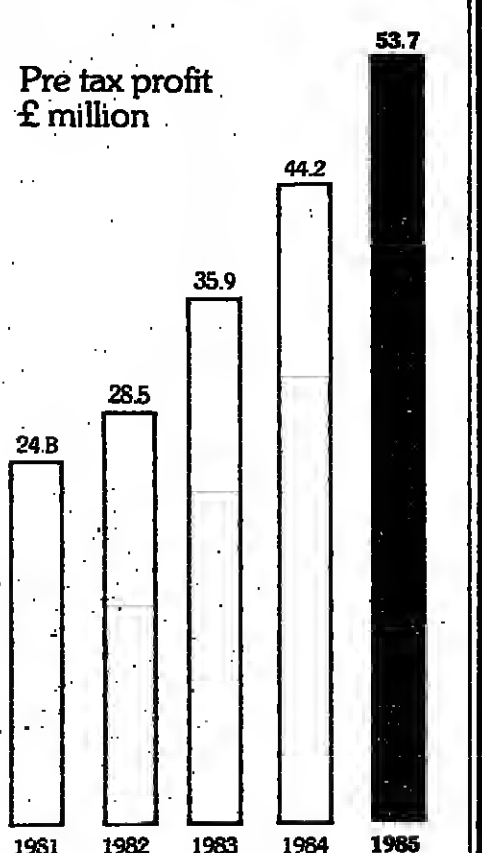
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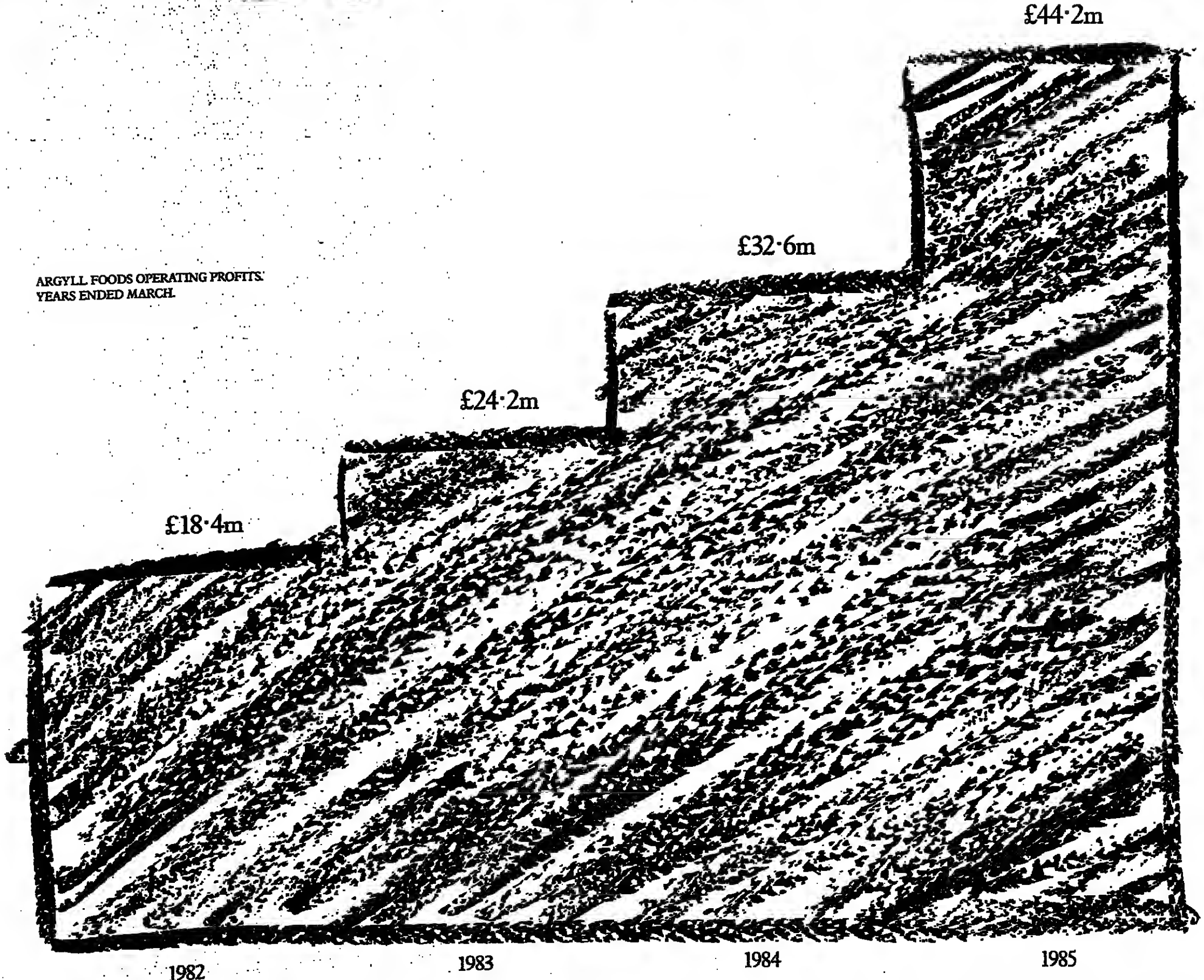




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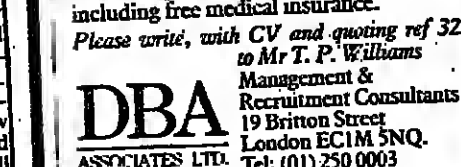
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West Lodge, Easton, six miles from Norwich, a fine listed Grade II Jacobean country house, with three reception rooms and seven bedrooms, standing in two acres. Strutt and Parker expects much interest at around £150,000

Investors head for the country

The mention of a country house evokes a picture of a period property, with a large number of rooms, set in several green acres, and positively exuding the air of graceful living. In many cases that is right: but a country house can also be a house in the country, and Savills appear to have embraced both definitions in the first issue of their buyers' guide to country houses.

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

country house is among the best possible long term investments in the light of current trends of taxation. In 1975 such a house might have cost £45,000, and they say that after allowing for capital gains tax, from which country houses are generally exempt if used as principal residences, country houses have outperformed the RPI by 78 per cent and a FT All Share Index by 40 per cent.

likely reduction in the value of building land. In 1985 country house prices increased by 8-12 per cent, about double the rate of RPI increases, and Strutt and Parker believe this trend is likely to be repeated in 1986.

Introducing Savills' price guide. Geoffrey van Cutsem, national residential property director, gives five main reasons for the prolonged rise in values since 1982, particularly at the upper end of the market: prosperity in the southern half of Britain; the business community's confidence in the economic outlook; the strength of the stock market; weakening sterling resulting in unprecedented investment in residential property; and the release of substantial capital funds into the financial services revolution and the unlisted securities market.

Rural homes are certainly an enjoyable investment

In 1986 he sees a continuation of fluctuation in interest and currency rates, with the likelihood of the pound decreasing in value in the medium term. This will encourage most overseas investors, though fewer Middle East investors because the falling price of oil has effectively halved their income. "Do-estically I believe there is sufficient confidence in the British economy to continue to sustain a reasonably strong residential market during 1986, but I view the outlook thereafter with a degree of caution."

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house with 6-10 bedrooms, staff accommodation and swimming pool, with up to 20 acres, which in the north of England and Scotland range from about £100,000 plus, and in the more sought-after areas a good deal more, with Surrey the most expensive at £475,000 plus. Strutt and Parker, whose country house department has just produced an assessment of the market, asking whether the country house is an investment or a luxury, has a simple definition. For them a country house is one in a rural position or in a rural village, with a minimum of 5 bedrooms and 3 reception rooms, and perhaps 5 acres of land, with a value in the region of £200,000 depending, of course, on the area.

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The authors point out that current fiscal policy penalises the house-buyer by failing to permit the maximum mortgage allowance for tax relief to keep pace with the RPI, even after raising the level to £30,000 in 1983. This trend is likely to continue, but even disallowing mortgage interest relief altogether would have a negligible effect on the country house market. The reason for that conclusion is that mortgage interest relief represents 13 per cent of current finance costs of a £200,000 country house, whereas it amounts to 41 per cent of a £30,000 house. They also calculate that the net annual cost of ownership of a £200,000 house is £15,200 compared with £2,894 for a £30,000 house, while the net annual cost of renting would be £14,000 and £2,857 respectively. Using these assumptions, they say that if more realistic rent levels were awarded by rent officers there would be a greater supply of houses for renting, and a consequent reduction in demand from first-time buyers, with a

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RUGBY UNION: UNUSUAL MATCH AT HOME FOR A MEETING OF THE MINDS

Lions aiming to conquer the challenge from rest of world

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Delegates to the International Rugby Football Board's centenary congress...

Since the Lions are being prepared by Michael Doyle, Ireland's coach...

Two old heads are harnessed at half back for the overseas team: the New Zealanders...

British audiences will get another sight of an immensely powerful Auckland...



Massive presence: Dooley will loom over lineouts in Cardiff

Italian seasoning

By David Hands

England will take a B party containing 11 senior caps on their two-match tour to Italy next month...

BOXING

Christie is back to his old self again

By Srikanter Sen, Boxing Correspondent

An eliminator for the British middleweight championship does not sound too grand...

Christie has little to gain by sticking his chin out, though he has to do almost certainly...

Christie's manager, Burt McCann, says he is pleased...

FOOTBALL

Restored Schuster aims to make Swedes see stars

Göteborg's European Cup dreams will be buried under a six-goal avalanche in Barcelona tonight...

The moody West German, now restored to fitness, and the Barcelona midfielder...

Christie will be watching to see what steps, if any, Ernie Fossey, his new trainer, has taken...

Archibald is convinced he will recover in time to lead the Barcelona attack...

FOOTBALL

Sexton is going for all-out attack

Dave Sexton, manager of the England Under-21 team...

Sexton's tactics for the match, too, are perfectly clear...

England, the holders of the championship, beat Italy in the semi-finals of the last competition in 1984...

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TENNIS

Exotic play among the hedgerows

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The polyglot community of international tennis has returned to the Cumberland Club at Hampstead...

Perhaps it is comforting not to take too seriously a sport so demanding of physical courage in which women so regularly...

Horse sense and sensibility

Simon Barnes

Can be found in the form book and, with the odd exception, the horses meant little to me...

Perhaps that is why women cheer in the first place. Certainly it seems that the requirements are best answered by women riders...

YACHTING

Blyth issues a challenge to his rivals

By Barry Pickthall

Chay Blyth threw down the gauntlet to his multihull rivals from Britain and France yesterday to compete in a proposed 24-hour grand prix...

FOR THE RECORD

ICE HOCKEY: Moscow World championship Sweden 4, Czechoslovakia 2... FOOTBALL: Second Division: Portsmouth 2, Brentford 1...

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AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston Red Sox 6, Toronto Blue Jays 1... NATIONAL LEAGUE: St Louis Cardinals 6, New York Mets 2...

SQUASH RACKETS

EAST GROUND: 16-740 British Open... WEST GROUND: 16-740 British Open...

TENNIS

Sharpe appeal

Doug Sharpe, the former Swansea City chairman...

Doug Sharpe, the former Swansea City chairman, said yesterday that he needed more money urgently in his response...

Monday's results

FIRST DIVISION: Leicester City 1, QPR 4... SECOND DIVISION: Luton 1, Ipswich 0...

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# Charmed life of Gower is invigorating

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, St John's, Antigua

England made sure that West Indies had to bat again in the fifth Test match, sponsored by Cable and Wireless, here yesterday when their last three first innings wickets put together another 47 runs. Although Gower missed his hundred, England were near to 300 by the time he was out. West Indies started their second innings half an hour before lunch with a lead of 164.

England saved the follow-on in the fourth over of the morning, so making sure of taking a Test match into a fifth day for only the second time in the series. Of the 12 more runs they needed to do so, Gower scored 11 and the other was a no-ball, of which, in the innings, there were no fewer than 49, nine of them scored off.

From this start, Gower bore a charmed life. In the second over, bowled by Holding, he edged a boundary through third slip's outstretched hands, was bowled by a no-ball, and very nearly gave a return catch. A couple of good hooks

## Scoreboard

**WEST INDIES: First innings 474 (D L Haynes 121, M D Marshall 76, M A Holding 75, R A Harper 60).**

**Second innings**

G L Hayden not out 7  
R B Richardson not out 2  
Extras 2

**Total (no win)** 483

**ENGLAND: First innings**

G A Gooch bow b Holding 51  
W H Stock c Greenidge b Patterson 52  
R T Robinson b Marshall 12  
D J Gower c Dujon b Marshall 90  
A J Lamb c and b Harper 1  
M W Gatting c Dujon b Garner 15  
I T Southon b Harper b Garner 15  
P R Downton c Holding b Garner 5  
N H Elliott c Dujon b Marshall 5  
J S Embury not out 10  
R A Foster c Holding b Garner 10  
Extras (6 S, 6, no 40) 51

**Total** 378

**FALL OF WICKETS: 1-127, 2-132, 3-157, 4-160, 5-205, 6-223, 7-227, 8-268, 9-280.**

**SCOWLING: Marshall 24-54-3, Garner 21-42-27-4, Patterson 14-2-48-1, Holding 20-3-71-1, Harper 28-7-45-1, Richardson 2-0-3-0.**

**Umpires: C Cumberbatch and L Barber.**

followed in Holding's next over, the first of which saw England to at least a temporary reprieve.

Asked on Monday how he would bat yesterday, Gower

said: "You hit what you see; that's the way you play." Well, he was hitting again, at a short ball from Marshall this time, when given out caught at the wicket, acrobatically, by Dujon. By then, Ellison had also been caught at the wicket off Marshall after batting for 82 minutes and adding 52 with Gower. Gower's 90 was the highest score for England in a first-class match on the tour, and Ellison will not play many more useful single-figure innings than this one.

There followed a vile piece of bowling by Marshall to Foster while Embury and Foster were making 20 for England's last wicket after keeping West Indies in the field for a further half hour. Having hit Foster first on the left-hand then on the right, and then in the ribs, all with short balls, Marshall whistled a vicious bouncer over Foster's head. Bowling like this, and glaring at the batsman after each delivery, Marshall belies his reputation for sportsmanship. He has done too much of it this winter.

# Deadly spin of Qadir

Sharjah (Reuters) - Abdul Qadir yesterday spun Pakistan into the final of the world's richest cricket tournament as New Zealand were dismissed for 64.

The leg-spinner bowled three New Zealand batsmen in one devastating over and Pakistan did not lose a wicket in winning the semi-final.

Pakistan will now play India on Friday for a winner's purse of \$40,000 (£27,000). The runners-up will collect \$30,000 from the five-nation tournament which carries a total prize money of \$110,000.

New Zealand were in trouble from the outset. They lost the toss and Imran Khan, the

Pakistan captain sent them in to bat and then removed the opener Martin Snedden in the first over. Wasim Akram, the young fast bowler, then promptly outdid Imran, taking three wickets in his opening spell to have New Zealand tottering at 18 for four.

Qadir was already in the thick of the action, snapping up a brilliant catch at short mid-wicket to dismiss Martin Crowe, New Zealand's leading batsman, for nine. Qadir, aged 31, then joined the bowling attack and broke the back of the New Zealand batting.

Qadir, the man-of-the-match, bowled Bruce Blair,

# EBBA will resist breakaway threat

By Nicholas Harling

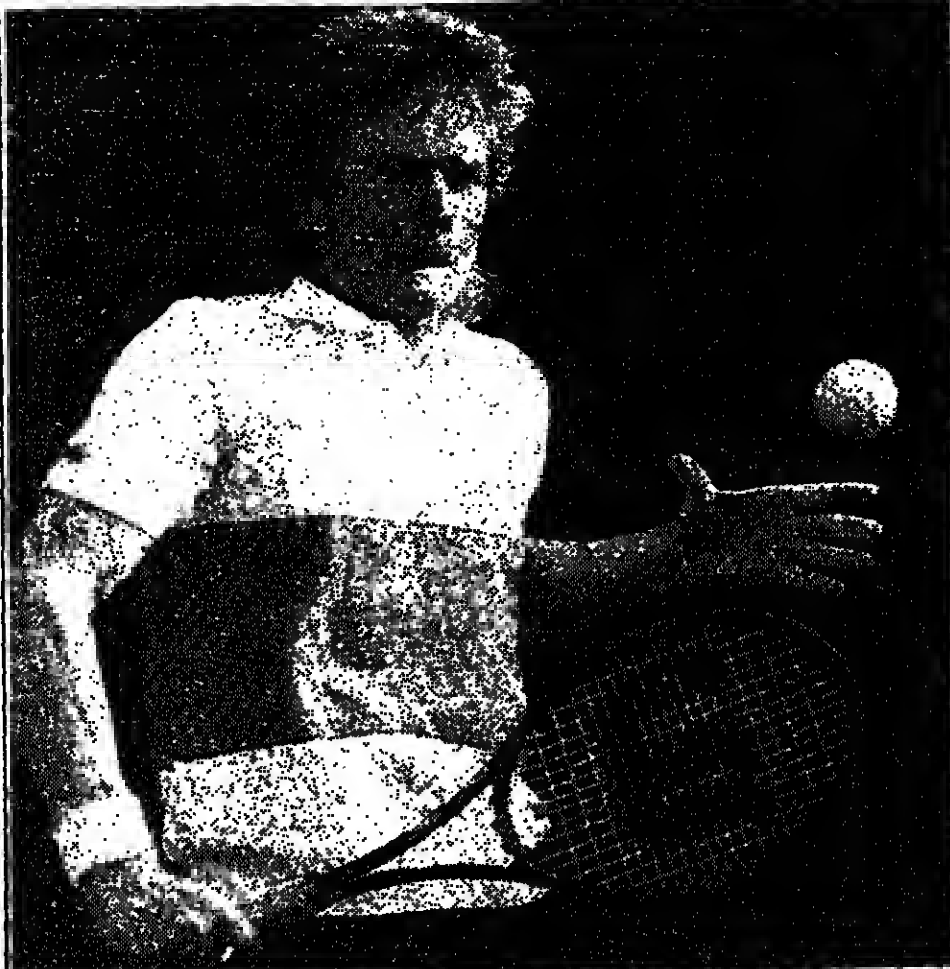
The English Basketball Association (EBBA) are to stand firm against a threatened breakaway by a group of National League clubs and the Scottish champions, Murray International Metals, Edinburgh.

In a letter to all the clubs, the president of the association, Mr Keith Mitchell, stated that the association will not accede to the proposals, which include passing the control of the National League from the EBBA to the clubs for the coming season.

The EBBA have already set up a committee of inquiry to look at the long-term future of the National League and a report will be presented later in the year in time for any recommendations to be implemented for the 1987/88 season. If appropriate, The English clubs involved are Kingston, Sunderland, Portsmouth, Crystal Palace, Manchester United, Manchester Giants, Soleot, Hemel/Watford, Bracknell and Leicester. Birmingham rejected the invitation which may now be passed to Bolton, who are also believed to be reluctant to join the breakaway group. If the breakaway does go ahead there would be no room for Worthing - whose future is in any case uncertain - Branel, Uxbridge and Camden, or either of the promoted clubs, Calderdale or Derby.

Mr Mitchell, who is also a member of the Central Board of the International Basketball Federation and chairman of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, said: "The association will seek the co-operation of any clubs who feel the need to form an independent league, with a view to persuading them that this is a counter-productive initiative."

Phil Matthews, a member of the National League management board, said: "The transition of the administration of the National League from the EBBA to the clubs is an evolutionary and not a revolutionary movement. I personally think it is regrettable that this latest complicated situation has arisen and hope it will be resolved quickly."



On the defensive: Jason Goodall, of Britain, on his way to a 6-4, 6-3 defeat by Andrew Castle in the first round of the British Home Stores tennis tournament yesterday. Report, Page 38

## MOD PENTATHLON

# Olympic stars for Britain

By Michael Coleman

Two Olympic champions, Daniele Masala, of Italy, and Anatoly Starostin, of the Soviet Union, are in the 11-nation line-up for the contest at Birmingham from June 11 to 15.

Masala won his title at Los Angeles in 1984 and Starostin his in Moscow in 1980. Because of boycotts neither has competed against the other at the Olympics.

The inclusion of these two giants, who have straddled the sport for the last six years, is a surprise, and a tip to the sponsors, the City of Birmingham and the Birmingham Olympics 1992 Committee. It adds further weight to Birmingham's projection as a sports-centred city worthy of being the Games.

France, Hungary, Poland and US are also taking part.

## OLYMPIC GAMES

# Athens claiming their birthright

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Greece yesterday launched a determined effort to have the 1996 Olympics awarded to Athens to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the modern revival of the Games to this city.

Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Prime Minister, appealed to the International Olympic Committee and personally to Señor Juan Antonio Samaranch, its president, to support the Greek request. He was speaking at an Athens ceremony marking the 90th anniversary of the modern games.

"I believe that Greece, birthplace of the ancient Olympic Games, is entitled to this honour," he declared.

Making Athens the venue would "provide an opportunity to reinvest the Olympic spirit with its ancient origins and reconfirm its principles."

On Monday night the Greek Parliament passed a resolution with rare unanimity lending their support to the Greek Olympic Committee's proposal.

In 1976, Greece proposed that the Olympics be permanently located in Greece but the IOC have remained cool to the idea.

The Greek Government now say they still support the repatriation proposal, but want to concentrate all their efforts on securing the 1996 Games for Athens.

# Private party, public concern

By Paul Martin

There are those in South Africa who believe the forthcoming tour by an "unofficial" party of New Zealand All Blacks will have far wider, harmful effects than mere international rugby rifts. The former Oxford University and Springbok captain, Tommy Bedford, fears it will antagonise further those coloured rugby unions which are affiliated to the anti-establishment South African Council on Sport (SACOS).

Dr Danie Craven's rugby establishment - which includes coloured and black rugby unions - was having some success in wooing a number of SACOS affiliates into his camp, following belated but encouraging efforts to end rugby segregation. Now the tour may be seen as a false priority.

"We should stop the coercion and skulduggery that goes on to arrange these tours just for five weeks of fly-by-night pleasure," said Bedford, vice-captain of the last demonstration-planned Springbok team to visit the British Isles 16 years ago. "As a rugby man I'm looking forward to seeing the New Zealanders in action. But as a South African I fear the tour may cause untold grief."

Bedford, now a parish in the rugby fraternity for his outspoken advocacy of radical sporting change, worries that the "floating of world opinion" is placing the interests of the predominantly white rugby-watching public ahead of the promotion of rugby as an integrated sport.

## Demonstrations may be launched

"The £27 million spent on building massive new rugby stadiums should have gone to the grass roots," he said. "In the extremely volatile situation in South Africa, demonstrations may be launched by black organizations. And for what cause?"

Bedford advocates that the South Africans should announce an end to further tours and concentrate on a massive infusion of effort and cash to build up rugby at schools and club level.

To the chagrin of the rest of the world the South Africans and New Zealanders insist that series between the two of them are the Herculean test of global rugby supremacy. As a New Zealand player said yesterday in Cardiff: "Playing there is the ultimate for us All Blacks."

The South Africans relish the prospect of filling the vast money-losing stadiums at Ellis Park, Loftus Versfeld and King's Park, to their rafters. A world XV rugby tour would hardly have the same galvanizing effect as a call to arms than will the black jerseys of the New Zealanders.

But economics is hardly the only concern. The tour will be seen as a political and sporting coup, indicating that the rugby world cannot shove South Africa aside with impunity. To the extent that the New Zealand authorities were unable or unwilling to prevent it, some commentators feel it shows that the rugby world is soft peddling.

## MOTOR RACING

# Japan's Le Mans car to be made in Britain

The Japanese motor industry will use a British car to challenge for this year's Le Mans 24-hour classic.

Nissan have commissioned March Engineering of Bicester to build a new sports racing car, capable of a speed of 250 mph, for Le Mans.

This collaboration coincides with the start of production at the £50 million car factory at Washington, County Durham, which will begin building the Nissan Bluebird in July.

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## SQUASH RACKETS

# Mentor is beaten by youngster

By Colin McQuillan

One of the rising tide of young Pakistani squash players yesterday engulfed his own mentor in the first round of the Hi-Tec British open championships, at Dunning's Mill, East Grinstead. Maqsood Ahmed, ranked 11th in the world and seeded 10th for this blue ribbon tournament of the international circuit, lost 9-6, 9-6, 4-9, 1-9, 3-9, to Zarak Jahan in 83 minutes.

Zarak is the 19-year-old brother of Hiddy Jahan, of England. "I had never played Maqsood before and I was very nervous, but my brother talked quietly to me between games," he said. "Gradually I became convinced I could take him if I could get to a fifth game."

Zarak appeared from nowhere this season to create an astounding final to the British Under-23 Open championship with Rodney Martin of Australia. But Maqsood's is a scalp of far greater value to the Jahan family.

For Hiddy there was perhaps a particular pleasure in watching his younger brother beat one of the Pakistan old guard, who were never his favourite people even before he chose British nationality.

Just as he was never selected for Pakistan, so Zarak was ignored when a new young Pakistani squad was selected for the recent world championships in Cairo under the leadership of Jahangir Khan.

Umar Hayat Khan beat Adrian Davies, of Wales, on Monday. And Jansher Khan, the brightest prospect of them all, on Saturday won the world junior championship in Perth, Australia.

England's players were in typically tantalizing form yesterday. Darren Mabbs, a 21-year-old Bristol survivor, patiently worked his way to a five-game win over Mohammed Awad, a wily and experienced Egyptian, then had to ring his employers to request extra leave to play Peter Hill, of Singapore, today. Geoff Williams, a former national champion, returning from double knee surgery, needed five painstaking games to overcome Mark Talbot, the American hardball specialist. Gawain Briars beat Alan Thomson, of Scotland, in straight games.

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## FOOTBALL

# Intriguing struggle in focus

By Simon Jones

The race for the League championship is naturally the focus of interest at the moment of the season. But the promotion and relegation struggles are equally intriguing.

This evening, Liverpool will visit Luton Town, who recently ended Everton's unbeaten run of 18 games, hoping that Rush passes a fitness test on a badge however, Hansen, however, has recovered from an ankle injury.

Liverpool are in ominously impressive form, but Manchester United, who started the season with 10 consecutive League wins, seem to be a spent force. The injury problems that have dogged United all season continue. Their

recent £570,000 signing, Daventry, misses the game at Newcastle and will be replaced by Terry Gibson if he is fit. Whiteside, who has missed the last two games with a knee problem, is another player who is doubtful. In defence, Garton may be preferred to Higgins.

At the other end of the first division table, Aston Villa will probably be unchanged for their crucial home match against Ipswich Town since Gray has overcome a stomach strain. The Ipswich squad will include Atkins who has recovered from a foot injury.

Villa's confidence must certainly be higher than it has been for some time. By beating Watford 4-1 on Saturday

they eased themselves out of the bottom three and have now been beaten only once in their last eight games. Graham Taylor's most recent acquisition, Steve Hunt, who was signed from West Bromwich Albion on the day of the transfer deadline, has been an important factor in the club's recent revival.

Those most unlikely aspirants to first division status, Wimbledon, visit Bradford City with the encouragement that their recent £130,000 signing, Fashanu, has recovered from an ankle injury. Further aggression will be provided by the return of Galliers after a one-match suspension.

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## RUGBY LEAGUE

# Bloor in form for first cap

There is only one potential new cap in the squad of 29 announced yesterday by Maurice Bamford, the Great Britain coach, to train for matches against the visiting Australians this winter. He is Darren Bloor, the Salford scrum half, who has been one of the main reasons why Salford have retained their first division status this season. He had a brilliant game against St Helens on Sunday.

One or two former internationals have fought their way back into recognition after sticky patches this season. They include Andy Gregory, the Warrington scrum half recently dropped by his club in favour of Paul Bishop, and Brian Noble, the Bradford Northern hooker, who captained Great Britain in Australia but was then left out of the squad and seemingly out of Bamford's plans.

**SQUAD:** Backs: Burke (Widnes), G Fairbairn (Hull KR), O Laws (Hull KR), D Drummond (Leigh), J Lydon (Wigan), C Gibson (Leeds), R Dumas (Warrington), E Hamley (Wigan), A Marchant (Castleford), G Schofield (Hull), A Whyte (Widnes), M Smith (Hull KR), D Bloor (Salford), Gregory (Warrington), D Fox (Featherstone). Forwards: J Grayshoo (Leeds), D Word (Castleford), Crockett (Hull), Stewart (Hull), K Beardmore (Castleford), B Noble (Bradford Northern), D Washington (Hull KR), J Fieldhouse (Widnes), A James (Hull KR), C Burton (Hull KR), I Potter (Wigan), Kevin Payne (Leeds), H Pinner (St Helens), D Hewon (Leeds).

## EQUESTRIANISM

# Third casualty for world championships

By Jenny MacArthur

Andrew Griffiths and Hulabaloo will not be competing in the world three-day event championships in Australia next month. On Monday the horse knocked a tendon on the off-fore during a workout at Wythe in Wiltshire.

This is the third stroke of bad luck for Britain. Lucinda Green dropped out when Regal Realm strained a tendon and then Mark Phillips' horse Distinctive developed a skio infection.

This leaves only six Britons in the championships: Virginia Leng (née Holgate) (Priceless), Lorna Clarke (Myross), Ian Stark (Oxford Blue), Clarissa Strachan (Delphy Dazzle), Mandy Orchard (Venture Busby) and Ane-Marie Taylor (Justin Thyme VI).

# Clean-out at Ibrox

Graeme Souness, Rangers' new player-manager, made sweeping backroom changes at Ibrox yesterday. His main target was assistant manager Walker Smith, the Dundee United and Scotland assistant manager, as his assistant manager.

Smith had been 20 years with United as player and official. "United have released me with immediate effect," he said. Rangers' former backroom team of Alec Totten, John Hagart and Stan Anderson have been released and have left Ibrox.

Souness said he was returning to Italy to continue his playing career with Sampdoria until the end of their season on April 27. Smith will be in control meantime at Ibrox. He and Souness will confer about filling the backroom vacancies.

## White wins

Reg White of Britain, the founding father of the Tornado yacht club, won his first Tornado championship race in two years at Murray's Anchorage in Hamilton, Bermuda, yesterday. White, aged 52, who designed the high-performance catamaran 20 years ago, thrived on the 20-knot winds to beat Willie Van Bladel, the Dutch veteran, by 34 seconds in the second race of the seven-race series.

Van Bladel had taken the early lead after both men made good starts, but White, who is chasing a record third world title, caught him on the second beat and kept the lead for the rest of the race.



Souness: changes

## Dickie signs

Robert Dickie, the new British featherweight boxing champion, has signed a promotional contract with Frank Warren. The Welshman will perform exclusively for the London promoter unless a purse bidding for a title bout is won by someone else.

## Stoke appeal

Stoke City are to appeal against a £5,000 Football League fine for calling off last month's home match with Portsmouth without permission. They cancelled the fixture the morning before the game on March 22 without consulting the League after Mick Mills, the manager, claimed that injuries and illness had reduced his squad to eight players.

## Two miss cup

Steve Butler and Djapak Tailor have withdrawn from the England badminton team for the Thomas Cup finals in Jakarta from April 22 to May 5. Butler has strained ligaments in his right foot and Tailor a hand injury. Mike Brown (Yorkshire) and Richard Outterside (Essex) will replace them.

## Safer Porsche

Porsche, the West German racing car makers, said yesterday that they were taking extra safety measures this season after the deaths last year of their drivers, Manfred Winkelhock and Stefan Beloff. They have launched a research programme and have conducted crash tests in an effort to improve driver safety.

## Rescued from isolation

The former Springbok forward, Rob Louw, captain of the World XV in their match against Wales in Cardiff two seasons ago, and now a Wigan Rugby League player, believes his defection to the professional ranks, along with the Springbok winger, Ray Moritz, has served to "rescue" South African rugby from impending total isolation. He argues that the game fears above all else the dangers of professionalism and wants to make sure the South Africans are not forced down that road.

Younger players are becoming disillusioned with the way the game is run in South Africa. There are already, according to Louw and Moritz, "under the table" payments for the elite. "Now those few players approached by Rugby League clubs will hang on in South Africa, hoping after this tour there'll be more to come," said the great Springbok centre, Danie Gerber, in Cardiff.

Though he himself has rejected British Rugby League contracts, he believes others will be increasingly tempted.

Against these supposed advantages must be weighed the deep misgivings in South Africa's rugby ruling circles about whether an "unofficial" tour was good politics internationally. Dr Craven, a staunch amateur, has previously expressed his fears that many of his colleagues might opt for an open break with the International Rugby Board if isolation were inevitable anyway. The New Zealand tour, apparently indicates that hardliners are gaining in strength.

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